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Ruin — and more on the way

A crowd of 15,686 flocked to Canberra's Bruce Stadium last Sunday, many of them to watch their first soccer match. They were drawn to the Australia v. Czechoslovakia game by an intensive promotion campaign which told them the Socceroos were looking better than ever.

As they filed sullenly out of the stadium after Australia's 0-4 loss, they must have been wondering what kind of show we're running.



By JOHNNY WARREN
former Australian captain

They had paid between \$7 and \$10 for their tickets. For that price they saw the superb Czechs demoralise our rusty, unprepared national team, and they were offered the flimsy excuse that our players aren't really fit at this time of the season.

It's like forking out money to go to the theatre when

the actors put on a lousy performance and then explain that they hadn't had time to rehearse.

We knew about this tour a long time ago. It wasn't arranged overnight, so we had ample time to make sure that the team that took the field last Sunday was in good playing condition.

A five-day training camp and players returning from holidays the week before the game was simply not good enough. It is sad that Australia's reputation, earned against the New York Cosmos and on the tour of China, was put on the line in this way.

Whose fault was it? I can't name individuals, or even the Federation. All I can say is that it was OUR fault — all of us!

We must start treating the paying customer with a lot more respect if we expect him to support us in this, the centenary year of Australian soccer.

Unfortunately, there is little hope of the Socceroos regaining face in the eyes of the public in the remaining two games, in Sydney on Sunday and in Melbourne the following Saturday.

Sure, our team will improve, but the Czechs' rate of improvement is

likely to be much greater. The Australians went their own ways after the Canberra game and will not reassemble until Friday, while the Czechs stay together, training regularly.

Australia used only two recognised midfielders in Canberra — John Coyne and Jimmy Rooney. The other players were helping out, but I think the team could do with another true midfielder, either Peter Boyle or Jim Campbell. All players will have to show a lot more spirit and determination in the remaining two games, and they must show more self-discipline in carrying out basic duties — especially tracking down the Czech defenders storming upfield to join the attack.

If you can't really pick out danger men to mark closely, because Czechoslovakia bases its game on fluid teamwork involving all players.

While Czechoslovakia's star defenders, Ondrus, Jerkemik, Gogh and Barrios were the creators, the strategists, the playmakers, Australia had only one defender with similar qualities — Tony Henderson.

Wholesale team changes aren't the answer, but I think that coach Rudi Gutendorf should take steps to include Gary Byrne or Marconi in the squad. He is one of the finest midfielders in Australia.

• Johnny Warren's full match report appears on page 3.

Israel joins Scotland

The Organising Committee for the World Cup has included Israel in Group 6, Europe. This group will consequently be formed by Scotland, Sweden, Portugal, Northern Ireland and Israel.

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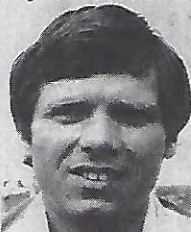
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Doug Utjesenovic

BLANCO FORMS A DARING, NEW ST. GEORGE

By

LAURIE SCHWABB

St. George coach Raul Blanco has the most challenging task in soccer. He has to replace a whole team!

For the past three years, the Saints have failed to live up to their glories of earlier times, so the club has parted with no less than 11 players!

Here's the list:

Phil O'Connor — to

APIA for \$9000;

Martin Coe — returned to Brisbane, his home city, and is expected to join a Queensland State League club;

George Harris — to Blacktown on free transfer;

Brendan Grosse — on transfer list;

Michael, Rob and John O'Shea — to Canberra City for a total \$28,000;

Stefan Matic — sent back to Yugoslavia;

Rudolfo Della Picca — sold back to Argentinian Second Division club Deportivo Italiano for \$10,000;

Neville Morgan — on transfer list;

Peter Hensman — on transfer list.

The only long-serving Saints left are Doug Utjesenovic and Rudi Gnavi.

In rebuilding a new, distinctive team which he hopes will be characterised by daring and skill, Blanco has signed;

Don Smith, 22, goalkeeper from Sydney Croatia;

Richard Yamine, 20,



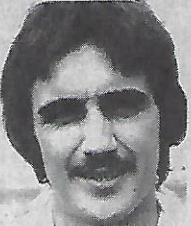
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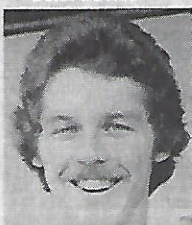
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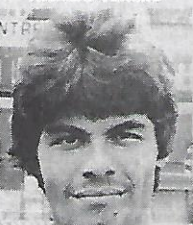
Denis Duarte



Nigel Groome



Peter Terry



Peter Katholos



Paul Kay

central defender from Melita Eagles;

John Davies, 22, Socorro midfielder from Canberra City. He cost \$12,500;

Peter Beggs, 22, striker from Sutherland who cost \$10,000. Formerly of Safety United, he scored two goals in NSW's 5-5 draw with AEK Athens last year.

Billy Griffiths, 20, switched from APIA in the deal that saw Phil O'Connor switch from St. George. Was previously with Melita Eagles.

And so Blanco is reunited with Yamine and Griffiths, who played under him while he was coach of Melita Eagles.

Roy Cotton, 23, the striker who had some spectacular games last year, has been retained, along with Utjesenovic, Gnavi, Tom Mihajlovic and Nick Fenoughy.

Dennis Duarte, 23, the Portuguese forward who flipped back into Saints' Federation team after a bright start in the PSL side early last year, is training with the seniors again and is expected to make it this time.

Young goalkeeper Michael Fraser, 21, who displaced Martin Coe as No. 1 last year, continues to shine and is expected to have a fine season.

Blanco said Paul Kay, 17, twice voted best player in Australian youth carnivals, would continue to be slowly blooded into senior soccer, and that Peter Katholos, 18, would be retained in the PSL team.

Nigel Groome, 21, who arrived from England early last year but could not establish a place in the senior team, is being groomed by Blanco as a

possible right back. He came here as a midfielder.

The defence that has been playing in practice matches is: Fraser — Groome, Yamine, Utjesenovic and Peter Terry.

Terry has been in an out of the senior team over the past few seasons but Blanco expects him to hold his place this time.

"It's not easy to part with so many long-serving players and to try to put together a brand new team, but I think it is the right time for change," Blanco said this week.

"Success on the field has eluded St. George for three years, so we have taken the plunge with a massive transfusion of new blood.

"I think last year many players took things for granted and did not appreciate what responsibilities were associated with playing for this great club.

"We need players with a high desire for success and I think we now have such players."

Blanco took his squad on a week-long training camp at Craigieburn, 140 km from Sydney, recently.

Rudi Della Picca

Neville Morgan

Brendan Grosse

Martin Coe

Peter Hensman



Raul Blanco, the coach of St. George.

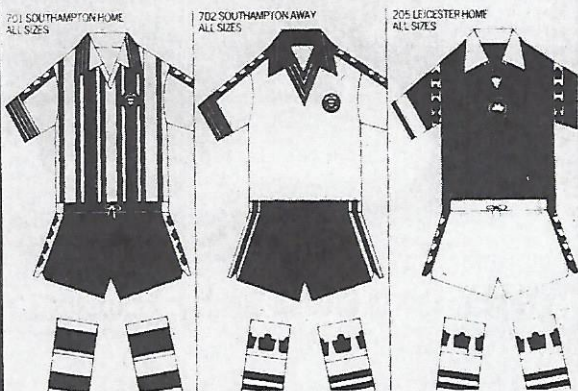
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OLYMPIC MAY GO TO COURT

By ALEX VESIC

I had the good fortune to join Arthur Polly last Saturday night at an informal party which my good host held for the committee of Sydney Olympic, the club which recently had the misfortune to drop out of the Phillips League.

One might assume that the men at the helm of Olympic would be angry and disappointed at the failure of their recent application for re-instatement into the PSL. However any bitterness they might have felt has gone and a new plan of action is being formulated.

John Constantine, the club's president, is far from happy with the position his club is in.

He told me: "The decision by the ASF to have us drop out of the Phillips League has done tremendous damage to the club. We are under contract to all our players to fork out PSL match payments, despite the fact that we are now in the State League. The fact that we have wasted \$750,000 in the process of forming the PSL outfit should not go unnoticed and should serve as a notice to other eager PSL applicants — for they might find themselves in the same predicament.

If the system of relegation were to apply to all clubs, last season South Melbourne-Hellas would have been the first to go. To have the second last relegated points out a system of selective relegation and certainly not relegation on merit.

As for promotion it was Blacktown City that got the nod, the fourth team on the State League ladder, and not Croatia as premiers. That is another fact that stunned not only Sydney Olympic and their supporters but most soccer lovers in this country.

Even on the basis of selective promotion, the credentials of Blacktown City, apart from being a "promising district club", were not extraordinary. In fact it was Sydney Olympic that had the better credentials and with Gerry Chaldi an almost certain coach for next season, the club seemed a safe bet to re-enter the League.

It still beats me as to how the vote went 11:0 against Olympic. While one can understand the eagerness of the NSW Soccer Federation to have Sydney Olympic drop out of the Phillips League and add much-needed support to

the terraces of the State League games, it is difficult to understand the voting of some of the other members.

John Constantine is a bitter man. And who could blame him? A lot of hard work has gone by apparently unnoticed. A lot of hard-earned money had been wasted.

He was reluctant to give away too many details but insists that "all is not yet lost".

"We have engaged a Q.C. to look into our case and look at the possibility of legal action against the ASF decision. We expect an answer within the next two weeks and if he finds that we have the legal right to challenge that decision, we will not hesitate to take that step," said Constantine.

"I would have thought that the Phillips Soccer League of Australia should have decided the issue," said Constantine, "but it appears that the PSL is almost without a representative in the echelon of the ASF executive."

Many strange things have happened to this game of soccer in recent years and no incident amplifies this more than the decision to have Olympic out of the PSL.

But it appears that this time the men at the helm of the club are not willing to sit back and simply "take it".

"What if your Q.C. decides to advise against court action?" I asked.

"We still have a PSL standard team and despite the loss of Raskopoulos, we are a shade better side than last year. We have a full-time coach and are looking towards a return to the top League one way or the other. We are facing fairly strong opposition in the State League but shouldn't have much trouble winning the premiership and thus gaining another chance of applying to get back where we belong," was Constantine's stern reply.

Constantine, Kontos, Smilas, Zantey, Fallon, Raptis, Theodosi, Lazaris, Polly, Peneis, Andrews ... a team of men who have soccer at heart and Sydney Olympic as their most popular pastime.

ONDRUS, JURKEMIK WRECK THE ROOS

By JOHNNY WARREN

AUSTRALIA 0 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 4
(Jurkemik 17th, Vizek 44th, Nehoda 82nd, Kozak 89th) at Bruce Stadium, Canberra, crowd 15,686.

Ratings:

AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse 7 — Perry 7, Prskalo 7, Henderson 8, Tansey 6 — Rooney 8, Coyne 6 (Boyle half time, Nyskohus 7, 66th) — O'Connor 7 (Campbell 82nd, Cole 7, Krncevic 7.5, Cumming 6, Sharne 7, 35th min).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Netolicak 8 — Ondrus 9 — Barmos 8, Jurkemik 9, Stambach 8, Gogh 8 (Fiala 8, 57th) — Kozak 8, Panenka 8 (Jarusek 66th) — Vizek 9, Nehoda 8, Gajdusek 8 (Masny 8, half time).

Referee: Chris Bambridge 9.

Outclassed in all departments, the poor Socceroos crashed to their biggest defeat since that 5-0 thrashing by Middleborough in Sydney in 1977, and it could have been much worse.

In fitness, group skill, aggression and speed, Czechoslovakia was streets ahead of the Socceroos who clearly were not ready for opposition of such calibre so early in the season.

Only goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse, centre back Tony Henderson and striker Eddie Krncevic were anywhere near their best form.

The Czechs, who had 23 shots at goal compared with nine by Australia, were excellent value for money and had some exciting individual players — sweeper Ondrus, stopper Jurkemik and striker Vizek in particular.

If the match was a failure for Australia on the field, it was at least successful in attracting the largest crowd yet to see a soccer game in Canberra.

The England v NSW cricket match, played in Canberra virtually at the same time, managed to draw only about 4500.

The cricket match finished an hour early to enable people to go straight to the soccer. The England cricketers were guests at the match, as were Olympic Federation officials, ASF president Sir Arthur George and the Minister for the ACT, Bob Elliott.

I felt it was unfair to the public to have so many team changes during the second half — there were seven in all. While I appreciate that the coaches took the opportunity to try as many players in as many combinations as possible, I firmly believe international matches should employ the standard rule on substitutions.

Czechoslovakia's coach Joe Venglos who, of course, coached Australia in the three-match series against Scotland in 1967, was concerned before the game about his players' acclimatisation and whether they would underestimate the Australians.

Also, he was worried that they hadn't played since December 1.

Yet, Czechoslovakia started well and dominated the entire first half hour.

The European champions held possession with intricate short passes, interchange of positions, and with defenders coming through powerfully from behind.

Jurkemik, the stopper, had several shots at goal and was involved in most of the forward moves.

It was no surprise when, in a move started by Barmos in the 17th minute, Jurkemik scored the opening goal after Nehoda had laid the ball back to him.

To this stage, Australia had been tentative, unco-ordinated, and overawed.

After a fine shot by Jurkemik had come close in the 21st minute, Australia got near the goal for the first time due to a pass from Rooney which enabled O'Connor to have a shot, but his aim was off.

A cross from Tansey in the 28th minute resulted in the first save by Czechoslovakia's goalkeeper, Netolicak who saved again when O'Connor launched a shot after dribbling two opponents.

Sweeper Ondrus should have scored in the 33rd minute when he dribbled the Australian defence but stumbled over the ball at the last moment.

With defenders venturing upfield without being tracked down, Czechoslovakia was calling all the shots.

It was Vizek, to whom Venglos attributes George Best-like qualities, who gave Czechoslovakia its 2-0 half-time lead with an angled shot after out-playing two opponents in the 44th minute.

The surprise of the first half, as far as Australia was concerned, was the replacement of Tony Cumming after only 35 minutes. I felt it was a bit unfair, as Cumming was playing no better or worse than his team mates, but I suppose coach Rudi Gutendorf felt the speed of Cumming's replacement, Peter Sharne, might worry the Czechs.

Australia had its best period of play just after half time. Krncevic challenged 'keeper Netolicak after a long clearance from Woodhouse but the ball went over the top, then Boyle and Sharne had shots and Australia forced four corners within a minute.

But Czechoslovakia came again, with Vizek having a

goal disallowed because a team-mate was offside and Panenka shooting narrowly over the bar.

There was nothing co-ordinated about the Australian attack. Only Henderson posed any sort of a threat with a few powerful shots after coming from behind.

Woodhouse made good saves from Kozak in the 65th minute and Stambach in the 72nd before Australia produced its best move of the match. It was started by John Nyskohus in his own half and it involved Steve Perry who sent O'Connor away with a clever pass. O'Connor lobbed the advancing goalkeeper but the ball went over the bar.

Woodhouse saved a great volley by Nehoda in the 78th minute but was powerless to stop Nehoda from scoring the third goal on the turn, off the post eight minutes from the end.

With only a minute to go, Kozak made it 4-0, capping a move involving Masny, Nehoda and Vizek.

The Czechs had only 48 hours before the match to recover from the long plane trip from Europe, so it is fair to expect them to get even better for the matches in Sydney on Sunday and Melbourne the following Saturday.

As for the Socceroos, they weren't ready for such a match so early in the season. In future, players and coaches must be given more time to prepare for important games.

The Czechs showed up as a typical central European team, but with a lot more flair than the Bulgarians or the East Germans, for example.

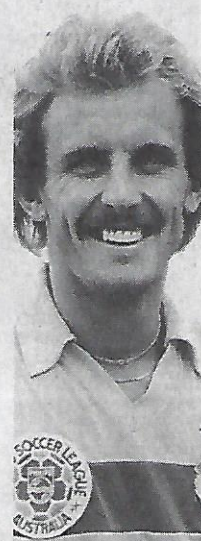
Venglos was quite pleased with the performance of his team and of the Socceroos, he liked Henderson, Woodhouse and Krncevic.

Krncevic may not have turned the world on fire, but as Venglos pointed out, the Marconi striker was marked by top-class opponents.

The match was played in a sporting spirit, with few fouls and no cautions.

My compliments to referee Chris Bambridge and linesmen Bob Mee and Dave Day, who were excellent.

And my thanks to the media, Canberra City, the ACT Soccer Federation and everyone else who gave me assistance in helping promote the match for the Australian Soccer Federation.



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Croatia v Marconi

Essendon Croatia, Victorian State League champions for the past two years, will meet national champion Marconi at Olympic Park No. 2 on Sunday, February 10 at 4 pm.

The match is part of the deal that saw Eddie Krnce-

vic transfer from Croatia to Marconi early in 1979. A curtain-raiser will be played at 2.30 pm.

Meanwhile, Croatia will have a gala ball on Saturday from 7.30 pm at the Croatian Community Centre, 72 Whitehall Street, Footscray.

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Abonyi leads the Eagles

Attila Abonyi starts a new chapter of his distinguished career tonight (Wednesday), as coach of NSW State League team Melita Eagles.

Eagles' first opponent in the Ampol Cup is Arncliffe Scots, who have been reinforced by Alan Ainslie and Paul Luckett from Sydney Olympic.

Abonyi, who led Sydney Croatia to two successive

championships as player-coach, won't be playing for the Eagles for the time being, anyway.

The reason is that Croatia is demanding an \$8000 transfer fee for him.

"It's too much. I don't

expect Melita to pay it," Abonyi said this week.

Abonyi, who will be 34 this year, has made three astute signings — John Stoddart (ex St. George, Canberra) from Sutherland on a free transfer, Terry Greedy, the Bankstown goalkeeper, also on a free transfer, and Vic Juchnicewicz, the Auburn midfielder, for a mere \$500.

However, Eagles have lost Richard Yamine to St. George and Colin McAusland to APIA.

"During my three years at Croatia, we won three championships, so I think I did my job there," Abonyi said.

"Now I need a new challenge to motivate me. I decided Melita Eagles has the potential to go places, and I left Croatia on good terms."

Abonyi scored almost 60 league goals during his three years with Croatia.

He has spent 17 years in first-grade soccer, during which he played 539 games and scored about 250 goals for Melbourne, St. George and Croatia. He also is the all-time highest scorer of the national team.



Attila Abonyi in action for Australia against South Korea in 1973.

Sydney Croatia has replaced Abonyi with new coach Domagoj Kapetanovic, 54, a first-class professional from Zagreb.

Kapetanovic has coached Osijek, Dinamo, Zagreb and Metros Croatia in Canada. He is due to arrive

tomorrow (Thursday), bringing with him midfielder Zdenko Kafka, 28, from Dinamo Zagreb.

Another top-class player from Zagreb is expected to follow.

Meanwhile, Croatia's

long-serving forward Maurice Sullivan has retired after a brilliant career in Sydney soccer. Croatia's new president is Ian Spehar, while Tony Basic, who was president for three years, is now secretary. — LAURIE SCHWAB

Hosseini new star

By ALEX VESIC

The return of Sydney Olympic to State League of NSW should see it win its first Ampol Cup in the history of the Club, once known as Pan Hellenic.

Despite some strong opposition, I feel Croatia, Arncliffe or Sutherland could dish out, it is difficult to see Olympic missing out on its first honour on its return to a State League.

Although it has lost Peter Raskopoulos to Marconi, and Alan Ainslie and Paul Luckett to Arncliffe Scots, Olympic has captured Hosseini, an Iranian international who only recently was playing for Iran against the Russians.

Hosseini is 27 and was the man who impressed Rudi Gutendorf at a recent practice match between Olympic and the Australian national team. Another player who undoubtedly will star for Olympic this season is another bright prospect from Olympic junior rows. His name is Mark Koussas and he is only 16 years of age. Leo Bulos, 16, also will impress.

With Peter Wilson in goal and Ken Wilson directing traffic at the back, Sydney Olympic also will have a formidable midfield line-up with Mike Cross, Derek Laing and Hos-

sein Hosseini. In front there's a whole host of players that Jim Adam will have a chance to pick from — Jennings, Scott, Eaton, Koussas...

Olympic will tackle Manly in its opening game of the Cup and with the playing strength at its disposal one cannot see it losing a point.

Following are the four groups in this year's Ampol Cup in NSW:

GROUP 'A': 1. Croatia Sydney, 2. Ku-Ring-Gai, 3. Wollongong United, 4. Marrickville Olympic.

GROUP 'B': 1. S.S.C. Yugal, 2. Bankstown, 3. Auburn, 4. Inter Moara.

GROUP 'C': 1. Sutherland Shire, 2. Parramatta City, 3. Manly Warringah, 4. Sydney Olympic.

GROUP 'D': 1. North Sydney Inter, 2. Avala, 3. Arncliffe Scots, 4. Melita Eagles.

PROGRAM OF THE NSW AMPOL CUP:

January 30: North Sydney Inter v Avala 7.15 p.m. St. George Stadium, Melita Eagles v Arncliffe Scots 9.00 p.m. St. George Stadium, Manly Warringah v Sydney Olympic 7.15 p.m. Seymour Shaw, Croatia Sydney v Ku-Ring-Gai 9.00 p.m. Seymour Shaw.

February 2: S.S.C. Yugal v Bankstown District 7.15 p.m. St. George Stadium, Auburn v Inter Moara 9.00 p.m. St. George Stadium.

George Stadium, Wollongong United v Marrickville Olympic 7.15 p.m. Seymour Shaw, Sutherland Shire v Parramatta City 9.00 p.m. Seymour Shaw.

February 6: Parramatta City v Sydney Olympic 7.15 p.m. St. George Stadium, Avala v Melita Eagles 9.00 p.m. St. George Stadium, North Sydney Inter v Arncliffe Scots 7.15 p.m. Seymour Shaw, S.S.C. Yugal v Auburn 9.00 p.m. Seymour Shaw.

February 9: Sutherland Shire v Manly Warringah 7.15 p.m. St. George Stadium, Croatia Sydney v Wollongong United 9.00 p.m. St. George Stadium, Ku-Ring-Gai v Wollongong United 9.00 p.m. Seymour Shaw.

February 15: S.S.C. Yugal v Inter Moara 7.15 p.m. St. George Stadium, Croatia Sydney v Marrickville Olympic 9.00 p.m. St. George Stadium, North Sydney Inter v Melita Eagles 7.15 p.m. Seymour Shaw, Ku-Ring-Gai v Sutherland Shire v Sydney Olympic 9.00 p.m. Seymour Shaw.

Quarter Finals: February 22 and 27. Semi Finals: March 3. Final: March 21.

South Melbourne Hellas president Sam Papanavass formally farewell Mike Pye before the Hellas v Hokoah match last Sunday.

Pye's job is taking him to Papua-New Guinea. He played for Hellas for five seasons after transferring from Ringwood Wilhelmina.

He represented Victoria 15 times from his first match against Cruzeiro of Brazil in 1972 to his last against Atromitos of Greece in 1978.

Papanavass said he hoped to welcome Pye back to Hellas when he returns from New Guinea — if not as a player, then perhaps in a different capacity.

Banagan to Tasmania

Victorian club Altona City has lost midfielder Terry Banagan to Tasmanian State League club Caledonians.

Banagan played in the State League with Green Gully Ajax, Sunshine City and Altona City. However, he missed many games last season with an ankle injury.

RED STAR 5-0

RED STAR 5 (Filipovic, Repic, Milosavljevic, Savic, Stevanovic) WEST AUSTRALIA 0 in Perth.

Best players — Red Star: Krnecic, Filipovic, Jovin, Djurovski.

Red Star Belgrade produced a brilliant brand of soccer to beat West Australia 5-0 before a crowd of 4000 at Lake Monger Velodrome on Sunday night.

It was W.A.'s biggest defeat since it went down 6-1 against an English B side in 1971.

By half time Red Star led 2-0 with goals by Zoran, Filipovic and Srebrenko Repic in the 26th minute.

West Australia had its moments and striker Bill Murray on three occasions found himself with only the goalkeeper to beat but failed to take advantage of the situation.

In the second half Red Star added another three goals through Nedeljko Milosavljevic in the 51st minute, a penalty from Dusan Savic in the 72nd minute and Zoran Stevanovic in the 77th minute.




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NSW lines up before the match against Red Star in Sydney, from left: Stevenson, Hunter, Beggs, Fraser, Sharma, Reskopoulos, Krnecic, Brogan, O'Connor, Jenkovic, Degney, Henderson.

No speed, cohesion or enthusiasm

By ALEX VESIC

RED STAR 5 (Filipovic 2, Repic, Petrovic, Mullen og.) NSW 0.

Ground: Sydney Sports Ground. 7460.

Referee: Rim Davies 9.

Yellow Cards: Milosavljevic (Red Star).

Red Cards: NR.

RED STAR: Ljukovcan 9, Krnecic 7, Jovin 8, Nikolic 9 (Borovic 74'), Milotovic 7, Jurisic 7, Petrovic 9, Blagojevic 8 (Milovanovic 6 45'), Filipovic 8, Milosavljevic 7 (Savic 7 45'), Repic 8.

NEW SOUTH WALES:

Woodhouse 6 (Fraser 7 - 45'), Mullen 6 (Beggs -), Degney 6, Brogan 5, Henderson 9, Reskopoulos 6, Sharma 5 (Hunter 5 - 45'), Jenkovic 6, Krnecic 5, Davies 5 (Stevenson 5 - 45'), O'Connor 7.

Fresh from their resounding victory over South Australia, Red Star exploded into action early in the first half to score two early goals, then systematically destroyed the cream of NSW with some of the best Soccer seen at the Sydney Sports Ground.

Led by Vladimir Petrovic the Yugoslav international Red Star tore the NSW defence to pieces and could have scored a few more goals had Filipovic been on target. This 5-0 drubbing was one of the worst experienced by the NSW side and was not only due to some good showing by the visitors. It emphasised yet again the touring European sides in December (Vardar) and January (Red Star) leads not only to financial disaster but to inevitable defeats.

Unprepared and unfit, the home side never looked like taking hold of the game and gave the impression of a beaten side quite early. It was so uncharacteristic to see our boys in "slow motion" tackles. Speed, enthusiasm, or any semblance of cohesion were totally lacking and as a result, the visitors were in complete control.

It was in the eighth minute of the first half that Red Star opened the scoring.

Petrovic raced down the left flank, "walked" past some of our defenders and then crossed for Repic to shoot for goal. However Woodhouse made a fine save, fingertipping the ball around the post for a corner. The corner kick was taken by Petrovic, Davies failed to affect a clearance and it fell yet again at the feet of the Red Star captain. He curled the ball around the NSW defence for Filipovic to head home a brilliant goal — 1-0.

Only four minutes later Red Star went further ahead. Jovin, the left back, raced away from Mullen and crossed low and hard into the area. Filipovic ran over the ball, giving Srebrenko Repic the chance to pick up and walk around Woodhouse before slotting it into the empty net — 2-0.

With Red Star easing the pressure, the home side created its first opening in the 21st minute with Eddie Krnecic in full cry. Alas, the header by the brilliant striker did not

find the net following a great cross by Phil O'Connor. Red Star keeper Ljukovcan looked well beaten as the header by Krnecic grazed the outside of the left upright.

With five minutes to half time, Krnecic was again on the spot to head a cross by Degney towards O'Connor. With Ljukovcan off his line, O'Connor had a fairly easy task of lobbing the ball into the net but unfortunately for the visitors, the ball sailed over the bar.

Only a minute later, NSW paid heavily for its miss. Dusan Nikolic attempted to find Filipovic deep in NSW territory. With Mullen closer to the ball than the Red Star striker, the home side appeared to be out of danger. However, Filipovic put pressure on Mullen and the unfortunate fullback, in attempting to push the ball back to Woodhouse and into the net — 3-0.

A quick move by NSW at the start of the second half gave Krnecic a slender opportunity to score. Stevenson found Degney on the left flank and the Marconi fullback raced away to the line before crossing for Krnecic to shoot home but the shot was weak and too inaccurate to test the Red Star keeper.

With half an hour to go, Dusan Savic shook the upright with a great header. Then, from the resultant melee in the area, Filipovic hit the upright from only four metres!

A couple of minutes later we saw some of the finest touches by the visitors on this tour to



Jurisic and Milosavljevic (No. 10).

Overseas results

WEST GERMANY		SPAIN	
Borussia Munchen 4-0 Schalke 04	2. Bundesliga SV 2	Malaga 3 Burgos 1	Sevilla 1 Sporting 0
Hamburg 2 Schalke 04	3. Bundesliga SV 2	Athletic Bilbao 2 Valencia 0	Real Madrid 2 Salamanca 0
Eintracht Frankfurt 2 FC Schalke 04	4. Bundesliga SV 2	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0
Eintracht Frankfurt 2 FC Schalke 04	5. Bundesliga SV 2	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0
Eintracht Frankfurt 2 FC Schalke 04	6. Bundesliga SV 2	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0
Eintracht Frankfurt 2 FC Schalke 04	7. Bundesliga SV 2	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0
Eintracht Frankfurt 2 FC Schalke 04	8. Bundesliga SV 2	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0
Eintracht Frankfurt 2 FC Schalke 04	9. Bundesliga SV 2	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0
Eintracht Frankfurt 2 FC Schalke 04	10. Bundesliga SV 2	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0
Eintracht Frankfurt 2 FC Schalke 04	11. Bundesliga SV 2	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0
Eintracht Frankfurt 2 FC Schalke 04	12. Bundesliga SV 2	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0
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Eintracht Frankfurt 2 FC Schalke 04	20. Bundesliga SV 2	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0	Real Madrid 2 Valencia 0



Back to the bad old days

New South Wales' debacle against Red Star Belgrade once again calls into question the competency and common sense of those responsible for arranging fixtures against touring overseas sides.

The 5-0 annihilation of NSW followed a similarly humiliating experience by the once proud state team against another Yugoslav club, Vardar late last year.

On the plus side, spectators who turned up to these games had the pleasure of seeing some fancy football served up by well-known European teams, especially in the case of Red Star runner-up in last year's UEFA cup tournament.

No doubt promoters also pocketed a handy little sum from the gate money.

Did anybody stop for a moment, though, to think about the enormous damage such ventures can cause the image of soccer in NSW?

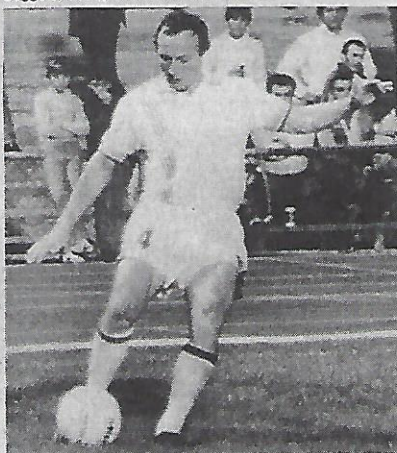
In a year of soccer's centenary celebrations, of starting to build up interest for the World Cup eliminations and the World Youth Cup, the performances and preparations of the NSW team for its international tasks are on a par with the bad old days of the Association set-up in the late fifties.

Poor Leo Baumgartner — he can't really be blamed for the misfortunes that came his way recently unless, perhaps, for not standing up forcibly to the NSW Federation executive and counselling publicly against putting this State's rather tattered reputation on the line in such totally unsuitable circumstances.

Unfit players in the middle of their summer layoff, virtually no training preparations, almost total lack of media publicity — with the honorable exception of the ethnic (ugh, that word again!) media — and a top-notch team in the middle of its European season and you have the perfect recipe for disaster.

No one should be surprised that the said disaster struck without fail and on schedule, making soccer in Sydney look like just another small-time operation once again.

The disgraced NSW team, with player ratings, was: Greg Woodhouse 5 (Michael Fraser 7, half time) — Kevin Mullen 3, Tony Henderson 7, Peter Brogan 5, Paul Degney 7 — Mark Jankovic 6 (Ian Hunger 70th), Peter Raskopoulou 5, John Davies 3 — Peter Sharpe 5 (Peter Beggs 6, 55th), Eddie Krncevic 5, Phil O'Connor 8.



Dusan Nikolic — brilliant!



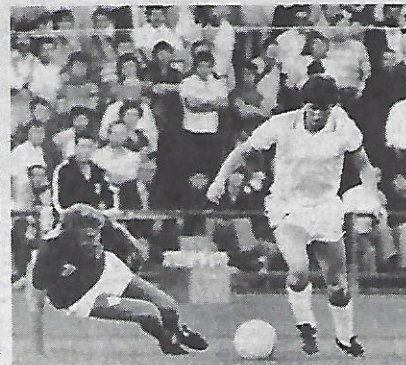
Midfielder Nedeljko Milosavljevic, probably the most consistent player of Red Star's tour, with referee Tony Beazleigh in the background.



The two squads line up before Red Star's match against a local Yugoslav selection at Olympic Park last week. Standing from left: Jim Kondarios, Zoran Illoski, Zoran Maricic, Chris Petrov, Mike Milovanovic, Aleksander Stojanovic, Milan Jovin, Steve Potter, Ivan Jurisic, Dennis Boland, Mirko Rujevic, Zlatko Krmpotic, Dragan Miletovic, Tom Mihajlovic, Nedeljko Milosavljevic. Front: Ivan Jurisic, Mendo Ristovski, Dusan Savic, Igor Hazabent, Vladimir Petrovic, Rade Jovicic, Slobodan Jovanovic, Zdravko Lujic, Dusan Nikolic, Doug Utjesenovic, Cvijetin Blagojevic. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



Vladimir Petrovic hands Doug Utjesenovic a Red Star pennant before the match at Olympic Park. Behind them are referee Tony Beazleigh (left) and linesman Dennis Voutsinas.



Petrovic changes direction, leaving Mike Milovanovic sprawling.

PETROVIC, NIKOLIC DAZZLING!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

YUGOSLAV SELECTION 2 (Utjesenovic 30th, Petrov 87th) RED STAR BELGRADE 8 (Filipovic 52nd, 73rd & 74th, Nikolic 4th & 47th, Petrovic 11th, Kondarios o.g. 61st, Milosavljevic 85th) at Olympic Park, 22-1-80, crowd about 5000.

Ratings:

YUGOSLAV SELECTION: Boland 8 (Potter 68th) — Hazabent 7, Utjesenovic 5, Kondarios 5, Milovanovic 3 — Mihajlovic 6, Jovanovic 3 (Jovicic 3, 53rd), Rujevic 4 (Maricic 4, 58th), Illoski 6 — Lujic 7, Ristovski 7, (Injured, sub. Petrov 66th).

RED STAR: Stojanovic 6 — Krmpotic 7 (sent off, 57th), Miletovic 7 (Drizic 70th), Blagojevic 7 (Milovanovic 8, half time, Milosavljevic 9 — Petrovic 10, Savic 6, (Filipovic 9, half time), Repcic 8 (Bporovnica 6, 58th).

Referee: Tony Beazleigh 8.

This was a thoroughly predictable result, yet it was important to stage the match to help meet the total cost of Red Star's tour. This depleted Yugoslav selection had one light training run under guest coach Rade Rasic the morning of the match.

Eddie Krncevic, Joe Piccone and Mark Jankovic, who had been invited to play, were not released from the Soccerro training camp in Sydney. Yacka Banovic and Billy Vojtek withdrew, as did Branko Buljevic.

And so the Yugoslav Selection was based heavily on Footscray JUST Guest players were Doug Utjesenovic, Tom Mihajlovic (St. George), Mike Milovanovic (Canberra City), Mendo Ristovski (Hellas), Zoran Maricic (Campbelltown, SA) and Chris Petrov (Park Rangers).

Rasic's idea was to contain Red Star, which had beaten NSW 5-0 and South Australia 6-0 in its past two matches.

The half time score of 2-1 was still respectable but as Red Star out loose and the locals faded, goals fell like rain.

Red Star was twice as fast and twice as aggressive as the locals. Rasic wanted breakaway attacks by Zdravko Lujic and Ristovski. They worked hard to threaten the goal but Red Star's defenders pulled no punches in stopping them. They even resorted to tripping and shirt-pulling.

Red Star scored four of its goals after having been reduced to 10 men by the sending-off of right back Zlatko Krmpotic who had been shown the yellow card by referee Tony Beazleigh over a foul on Lujic and was silly enough to commit the same offence in the 57th minute.

The performances of Red Star's Dusan Nikolic and Vladimir Petrovic are among the most memorable I have seen. Nikolic, who was impressive also on Red Star's previous tours, played a much more offensive role than he did against Victoria, and consequently scored two great goals. Petrovic was the heart and soul of the Red Star attack.

And what about Zoran Filipovic? Just back from Army duty and trying to re-establish himself in the senior team, Filipovic replaced the disappointing Dusan Savic at half time and promptly scored three goals.

For Rasic, it was the biggest defeat he has experienced since 1970, when the Victorian State team crashed 1-7 to Moscow Dynamo, Utjesenovic, who was captain against Red Star, played also in that game against the Soviets.

In closing, let's look back at the last time a combined team (as opposed to the State side) played against a visiting team.

That was back in February, 1972, when about 1000 people watched Sloven Bratislava thrash a combined Hellas - JUST side 8-2 — the same score achieved by Red Star.

The Sloven team included striker Masny and defender Gogh, who are here at the moment with Czechoslovakia.

The combined team was: Fode (Vujatovic 72nd) — Zivkovic, Rosca, Lopatic, Bedford — Pyrgollos (Milinov half time), Gorrie Bourne — Armstrong, Rujevic (Mandalic 17th) Buljevic. Goalscorers were Jan Capkovic 3, Svehlik, Masny, Moder, Ha raslin and Jan Zlocha for Sloven and Peter Bourne and Branko Buljevic for the combined team.

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HELLAS TAKES IT EASY

SOUTH MELBOURNE
HELLAS 2 (Evans 10th, Buljevic 47th) HAKOAH 0 at Middle Park, Sunday, crowd about 2000 (double header).

HELLAS: Laumeta 6 - V. Bannan 7, Munro 6, Blair 6, Davidson 8 - Wright 7, Rogers 8 -

Campbell 6, Lutton 7, Evans 7, Buljevic 6.
HAKOAH: O'Hara 6 - Owen 6, Gadsby 8, Dosen 5 (S. Nagy 62nd), Edmondson 7 - Blair 9, Wilson 5, Gibson 7, Jordanou 6 - French 6, Boznanovsk 5 (Rooney 55th).
After its exciting 4-0 victory

over Croydon in the first round, this second-round display by Hellas was disappointing.
Hakoah put on the pressure all over the field. Its players closed quickly on the man with the ball, and Steve Gadsby proved a major stumbling block in defence.
But the opposition provided

by Hakoah is mild compared with what Hellas will face from the likes of Marconi, Sydney City and Newcastle United.
So isn't it reasonable to look for far better performances from Hellas if the team is to be among the top four in the PSL this year - an ambition held by every club supporter?

Without meaning to detract from Hakoah's admirable play, the Hellas players must be criticised for taking it too easily, for shying away from the difficult, for a general reluctance to take a man on. Moments of adventurous individual endeavour were few and far between - an occasional run by Bertie Lutton and Alan Evans, and the second-half raids of Alan Davidson.

Hakoah midfielder Stewart Blair, who scored two goals the previous week, was best man afield. He was tireless, aggressive and creative. Ian Gibson also did well in midfield, but Hakoah missed Shraga Topolanski, the Israeli international. It seems he has gone to West Adelaide. — LAURIE SCHWAB

Group standings in the Victorian Ampol Cup:					
SECTION B					
	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	2	0	4	1	4
Heidelberg	2	0	4	1	4
Altona	0	2	2	5	0
Frankston	0	2	0	3	0
SECTION C					
	W	L	F	A	Pts
J.U.S.T.	2	0	5	2	4
Makedonia	1	1	4	2	2
George Cross	1	1	1	3	2
Slavia	0	2	0	3	0
SECTION D					
	W	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	2	0	5	1	4
Juventus	1	1	3	2	2
Albion R.	1	1	3	2	2
Sunshine	0	2	1	5	0

Top scorers: 3. Evans (Hellas), Paton (H.berg).					
2. Lujic, Vasic (JUST), C. Nisabet (Albion), Blair (Hakoah), Ward (Makedonia), Loughnane (Croydon), Mitten (Croatia).					

Which Croatia next?

ESSENDON CROATIA 3 (Murphy pen. 33rd, Kokoška 40th, Mitten 51st) SUNSHINE CITY 0 at Olympic Park, Crown: 2000 (double header).

ESSENDON CROATIA: Blasby 6 - Short 5, Kokoška 8, Gardiner 6, Blaiver 7 - Klerin 6, Culina 6 (Gojovic 53rd min), Tront 7.5 - Mitten 7.5, Murphy 7, Batunovic 6.

SUNSHINE CITY: Contin 7 - dixey 7, Ellis 8.5, Szolek 6, B. Coyle 5.5 - Nelson 5, Singleton 6, McNally 5 (K. Coyle 58th min) - Paisley 5 (McRobert 5, half time), Gilmour 5, Mudrinic 5.

Referee: Colin Johns 6
Cautions: Paisley (S)

favorite to win the championship, Dockerty Cup, State League Cup and perhaps the Ampol Cup.
Croatia has a squad of 18 top players and there's a chance former Australian World Cup goalkeeper Jack Reilly will be added to the list.
Gardiner's only headache is then to find the right combination, and try to keep the reserves happy enough to wait for an opening. Not an easy task.
Already Essendon is suffering from teething problems after the introduction of the new players. The two Ampol Cup performances have been mediocre, albeit both ending in victory.

The unfortunate side-effect of Croatia's projected dominance will be reflected in the crowds. At present, the Victorian State League looks a colorless competition.
Much of the interest has been taken over because Croatia has a team too classy for the rest. But who can blame Croatia? It's not a sin to improve.
For what it's worth, here's my guess at Croatia's strongest team: Blasby - Lewis, Kokoška, Gardiner, Short - Tront, Murphy, Kerr - Cumming, Gilder, Mitten.

McGorian, Houston dropped

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA 2 (Ward pen 28th, McMILLAN 40th) PRAIRIE SLAVIA 0 at Connor Reserve, Reservoir, Saturday. Attendance 2000 (double header).

Preston: Kastner 6, Rainey 6 (Flavell 55th), Garthwaite 7, Higham 7, Boech 6, Faulkner 7, Cunningham 6, C. Lucchessi 6, McMILLAN 6.5, Ward 6, Cullen 7.

SLAVIA: Pugliese 6, N. Haupt 6, Lawson 7, Bjelica 6, (Houston 60th), Pye 6, Wade 6.5, Whiteside 7, Kinnear 6 (McGorian 60th), Ward 7, Griffiths 6, Cullen 7.

An effort after 12 minutes deserved better but David Griffiths' scorching rattled the bar after John Cullen had intelligently chested the ball down for him following a corner.
Instead, Slavia found itself a goal down at the end of the first half thanks to a Gary Ward spotkick - the first penalty of the competition awarded during normal time - after Steve Lawson had checked George McMILLAN's run into the area at the 28 minute mark.
The goal took the lustre off Slavia's performance and when McMILLAN pounced on a bad header out by David Pye to knock in the second minutes after the break, the match settled towards a predictable result.

Further goals could have given Preston a slim chance for the semi (should Slavia beat Footscray this week) but Pugliese dived at Lucchessi's feet to collect the loose ball after he had fired; parried McMILLAN's shot, referee Momont disallowed a Lucchessi goal after 56 minutes apparently for offside, and David Garthwaite missed from point blank range hitting the sprawling Pugliese when he had a gaping goalmouth at which to aim.
Slavia too had its moments, including a spectacular diving header by Neville Haupt from Cullen's left wing cross which hit Lucchessi and brought cries for a penalty from the enraged Slavia players.
Later John Cullen's header had hit the bar and a Slavia player was unceremoniously shoved in the race for the rebound bringing further calls for a penalty. The referee would have none of it however and waved play on. — PETER DESIRA

action constantly, whereas in the past he has tended to flash in and out of the game.
In his midfield role, he didn't overdo the dribbling and was content to keep the ball moving. If he is to fit into Heidelberg's style, he will have to learn to move the ball fast and accurately.
An extended run in the team alongside the master Jimmy Rooney will prove beneficial to Selemidis.
The opening is there for him. This season could be a make or break one for the Australian youth international.
Heidelberg has several young players coming into the senior squad at present. Against Altona last week, three 'unknown' youngsters were given a chance to show their wares.
They were George Pavlidis, Con Loulis and John Kiriakidis. All three played in midfield, with Kiriakidis replacing Moulis at half time.
Kiriakidis was the most impressive. He showed plenty of aggression, and was not afraid to go looking for the ball. He has skills to dribble past an opponent and seems a confident player.
While Selemidis is now staking a claim for a regular place, the likes of Kiriakidis, Yankos, Moulis and Pavlidis will be waiting in the wings for him to falter.
Heidelberg will be hoping at least one of the 'young brigade' will develop into a top player — KYLE PATTERSON.

Coach the key

JUVENTUS 2 (Incantalupe 16th, Baravelli 74th) ALBION ROVERS 1 (D'Sylva 7th) after extra time at Olympic Park. Crowd: 2000 (double header), Sunday.

JUVENTUS: Hawk 6 - Curcio 7, Vaughan 6, Della Rocca 6.5, Tarquinio 7 - Sabidini 5, 34th min, Crino 8, Lia 7 - Lucchessi 5 (Baravelli 56th min), Incantalupe 6.5, Short 7.

ALBION: Johnson 6 - Haveaux 5, B. Nisbet 7, Stevens 7, Gatt 6 - Mackay 6, McIntyre 6, D'Sylva 7 - Spiteri 5, C. Nisbet 5 (Gondek 56th min), Saliba 6.

Referee: Tom Sterling 5
Cautions: Gatt (A)
The fortunes of Juventus took a turn for the better in 1979. The Italian-backed club finished a respectable fifth position in the State League, after a woeful and discouraging 1978.
During last season, Juventus was launched onto the comeback trail, with a place in the PSL the aim. Confident words were spoken and there was talk of an amalgamation with Thomastown, which would have secured Juve a permanent 'home' so badly needed.
Come the new decade and Juve's stocks have slumped slightly. Nothing has come of the proposed amalgamation, the PSL application was rejected, coach Tony Boggi has quit and one of the team's prime movers - Claude Lucchessi - has been sold.
Now Juventus faces the task of finding a coach, who will ensure last season's improvement is built upon.
Jim Armstrong, currently caretaker coach of Juventus, has confirmed he doesn't want the position on a full-time basis.
Success is the vital ingredient in Juve's planning and to achieve success may take a few years. But as long as the team doesn't slump as it did in 1978, Juve will not have lost any ground.
The new coach will have a difficult task, as he will have little time to prepare his troops before the league season kicks off.

Defence; midfield; what next for Ollerton? Clearly his bulk and striking power could be used up front to help Zdravko Lujic, who is fighting a lone battle at present.
Unfortunately, Vlatko Belic and Dragon Vasic haven't the sharpness up front to form a dangerous combination with Lujic.
So Lile's problem is where to place Ollerton.
The Footscray coach has similar problems with Zoran Illoski, who played full back in the first Ampol Cup game, and in midfield in the second.
Lile could use Ollerton and Illoski in the back four to shore up the often leaky defence. But he needs both of them in midfield, the position that brings the best out of Illoski.
At this stage, it seems certain Ollerton and Illoski will remain in midfield. The defence may be weaker without the two, but clearly Footscray will not survive 1980 by putting the emphasis on defence.
The two must be used in midfield, where they can defend as well as create. But still, Footscray looks extremely weak up front.
New striker Charlie Hendrie may solve some problems, but 'Big Ollie' may find himself back up front, the position he has played for almost all his career.
Whatever, Rocco Lile has perhaps the most difficult coaching job in the Philips League. — KYLE PATTERSON

Big year for Theo

LEE'S DILEMMA

FOOTSCRAY JUST 3 (Vasic 5th & 61st, Illoski 1st) GEORGE CROSS 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 2500 (double header), Friday.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 9 - Hazabent 6, Kondanos 7, O'Reilly 6.5, Jovicic 6 - Ollerton 8, Illoski 9, Jovanovic 7.5 - Belic 6, Vasic 6.5, Lujic 7.

GEORGE CROSS: Mattsson 6 - Cutajar 5, Maitland 6, Hooper 6, Barron 7 - Wilkinson 6 (De Sa, 85th min) - Bernard 8, Wilson 7, Mirak 6 - Cowan 6, Paparas 6 (Morgan 7, half time).

Referee: David Yelland 6
Cautions: Mirak, Bernard (GC), Boland (JUST).

Like an army general planning a war strategy, Footscray coach Rocco Lile must decide where he will place his 'big guns'.
The added problem facing Lile is that his firepower is restricted in many ways. It's not so much a problem of who goes where, but one of how to get the most out of the limited artillery.
Take, for example, the case of Peter Ollerton. In Footscray's opening Ampol Cup match he played as a sweeper, and had a commanding game.
His defensive attributes are strong and he has the vision and passing skills to be an effective playmaker as the last man.
However, with Ollerton in defence, the midfield was weak, so for JUST's second match, Ollerton was moved to midfield, where he had another good game, supplying the aggression that was absent from this department.

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HEIDELBERG UTD 3 (Paton 6th, 42nd, 57th) ALTONA CITY 1 (Whyte 40th) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 2500 (double header), Friday.

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CROYDON: Edwards 6 - Brown 6, McKinley 8, Blackley 5, Wylie 6 - Doornenbal 7, Brogan 6, Murphy 7 - Loughnane 7, Forayth 6, Page 5.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Mitandis 5 - Tsambikos 6, Jaworski 6, Glykokalamos 6, Jim Daperis 6 - John Daperis 6, McCarthy 6, Czapiuk 6 - J. Christodoulakis 5 (Con Daglis 57th) Patsakos 7, G. Daglis 5 (Tzanoudakis 63rd).

Referee: Sam Zoumas 7.
Harry McKinley, standing in for star sweeper Alan Pongho, who was away on holidays, defended grandly to preserve Croydon's lead as Western

Suburbs staged a thrilling fightback.
Down 0-3 after two goals by Peter Loughnane and one by Robbie Forayth in the first half, WESTS looked doomed to a thorough trouncing, especially since Loughnane was pouncing at every opportunity. Charlie Murphy was working hard in midfield and Kees Doornenbal was sending some brilliant long passes forward, cutting up the Wests defence.
But mysteriously, Croydon buckled after half time. John Daperis, Wests' recruit from Hakoah, started slicing open the left side of Croydon's defence with some spectacular runs, playing one-two off his brother Jim.
Big Tom Patsakos, who was out for most of last year, had the better of Alan Blackley for most of the game and consequently was the only Wests player who posed a threat in attack.
Fittingly, it was Patsakos who put Wests back into the game with a thundering shot

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GEORGE, MENDO NEXT IN LINE

By KYLE PATTERSON

South Melbourne Hellas, which has perhaps the ingredients of a Phillips League championship-winning team but not yet the chemistry, this weekend will continue its search for the magic formula.

Coach John Margaritis is using the Ampol Cup preliminary rounds to experiment with his large squad.

Two international players — Mendo Ristovski and George Christopoulos — will get their chance in this week's game against Western Suburbs at Middle Park on Sunday.

Ristovski, the former Soccer forward, must clasp this opportunity with both hands. South Melbourne has top-class forwards in Alan Evans, Branko Buljevic and George Campbell, so Ristovski could find himself on the outer this season.

However, if he can hit top form against Western Suburbs he surely will retain his place in the Hellas team, which was last-luck against Hakoah last Sunday.

Christopoulos, an Australian youth international, has plenty of competition for a place in midfield, battling against experienced campaigners Billy Rogers, Bertie Luton and Sammy Wright.

Footscray JUST hopes to secure a clearance for Scottish striker Charlie Hendrie, who has been kept out of action because of an administrative wrangle.

Hendrie will be tried out on the JUST forward line, which has lacked sharpness and polish in the two Ampol Cup games so far.

JUST also is anxious to secure the signature of former Eire international defender

Jimmy Dunne. Dunne played league football in England with Torquay, Fulham and Millwall.

However, Footscray faces competition from Frankston City, which has contacts in England close to Dunne.

On Friday night Footscray is challenged by Slavia, and JUST should win comfortably. Last week's result for JUST (3-0 v George Cross) looks impressive, but the scoreline would have been much narrower if not for the superb form of Dennis Boland in goal.

Against Slavia, which is not the force it used to be, Footscray should flex its muscles and record a solid win.

Heidelberg again will miss Australian team players Gary Cole, Jimmy Rooney and Jim Campbell in its clash with Green Gully Ajax on Friday night at Olympic Park.

Ajax is undefeated in two Ampol Cup games but it will take a gigantic performance from Bob McLachlan's team to overcome a full-strength Heidelberg.

However, Green Gully, the reigning Ampol Cup winner, has built a tradition of being Ampol Cup fighters. Last season the underdog Ajax shocked Croatia with a 5-1 victory.

Heidelberg, also undefeated, must win this game to progress into the semi-finals. Ajax will be tough opposition, but should crack under the Heidelberg pressure.

Ampol Cup third round, this week, with likely winners in capitals:

FRIDAY

At Olympic Park from 7.30 pm:
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. Slavia
HEIDELBERG v. Ajax

SATURDAY

At Connor Reserve, Reservoir, from 2 pm:
Frankston v. ALTONA
MAKEDONIA v. George Cross

SUNDAY

At Olympic Park No. 2 from 2pm:

JUVENTUS v. Sunshine
CROATIA v. Albion Rovers
At Middle Park from 2pm:
HAKOAH v. Croydon
HELLAS v. Western Suburbs

There will be no Ampol Cup matches the following week, which is set aside for the Australia v. Czechoslovakia match at Olympic Park on Saturday, February 9.

The Cup semi-finals will be played on Saturday, February 16 as follows: Winner Section A v. winner B, winner C v. winner B.

The final is on Saturday, February 23 at Olympic Park No. 1.

Croatia, which like Hellas is finding it hard to blend in new players, is challenged by First Division club Albion Rovers at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Coach John Gardiner may try to play Carl Gilder, Keith Adams, Howard Andrews and Alan Kerr this season.

Albion will have a good season in the First Division but will be not match for mighty Essendon.

Hakoah meets Croydon City on Sunday at Middle Park in a game a little importance. South Melbourne has this group tied up, and the two teams will use the game as a hit out.

Preston Makedonia once again will be the bridesmaid unless Footscray JUST slips against Slavia.

Preston plays George Cross at B.T. Connor Reserve on Saturday, and must win by at least three goals to give itself a chance.

Frankston City and Altona City — two teams without a victory in the Ampol Cup — will meet in the second game at B.T. Connor Reserve on Saturday.

Juventus is suffering from a problem of goal shyness. The Italian-backed outfit has been playing some good soccer, but in front of goal has been indecisive.

The problem may be corrected against Sunshine City, which has fielded a young team for the Ampol Cup. The two sides meet on Sunday at Olympic Park.



Jamie Paton — scored a hat-trick for Heidelberg against Altona. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

The new Les Thomson

GREEN GULLY 2 (Vojtek 49th, Matesevac 59th) FRANKSTON CITY 0 at Connor Reserve, Reservoir. Saturday. Attendance 2000 (double header).

GREEN GULLY: Denys 7, Hogben 6.5, Patton 6, Donaldson 7, Crilly 6; B. Torner 6, Vojtek 8, Banagan 6 (Perkin 36th injured Matesevac 44th); Segi 6.5, L. Thomson 8, DeFreitas 6.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 6.5; Taylor 6, Adams 7, Parton 6, Valli 8; Cooper 6.5, Bannon 7, Lucas 6 (Feenstra 36th); Runje 6, Wall 6, B. Young 8.

Referee: Voutinas 7.

Les Thomson, earmarked for the transfer list since the end of last season, might have forced the Green Gully committee into a rethink after his performance on Saturday.

Playing his first game of the season, Thomson was given the tall order of a striking role against Frankston and despite finding the task far from easy, he gave a creditable performance before dropping back to do an even better job in midfield alongside the evergreen Billy Vojtek in the second half.

He showed an appetite for the ball, his distribution was good, and he slowed the game down to Gully's satisfaction towards the end. If he maintains the enthusiasm and once he reaches match fitness, he could prove a valuable asset in Bobby McLachlan's rebuilding plans.

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Vojtek was among the best afield for the second week running and he seems to be performing better since he shed the coaching duties. He capped his game with a well taken goal scored on the volley from outside the area following a bad clearance from a corner.

Frankston paraded two new signings in strike Kevin Wall from Frankston Pines and fullback Chris Valli from Hakoah. The latter gave a good account of himself and coped well with Segi's runs down the right and Hogben's overlaps.

Wall tried hard all day but will take time to find his feet in the higher company. Both he and youngster Goran Runje will have to make more of Bruce Young's crosses if Frankston are to score goals.

Gully's John Patten dominated the box in aerial duels in the first half and Wall's only testing header in the second was well saved by Denys.

Young was Frankston's best player on the day and dominated his flank but he left it until the last ten minutes before having a crack at goals himself. He forced Denys into two good saves during that period but by then, Gully were home and hosed having already secured a second goal through substitute "Ross" Matesevac who toe-poked Segi's low cross after the ball had run for him from a mishit pass by Vojtek. — PETER DESIRA

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Warm welcome for Woodcock



Tony Woodcock — Notts Forest to Cologne

TONY WOODCOCK got brief but practical reminder of how much his life has changed in his first practice match for Cologne.

The 23-year-old English striker dashed through the middle in a match against the reserves telling "Cross it! Cross it!" to one of his new German colleagues.

The ball never arrived, but one of Cologne's English speaking players jokingly said: "He is not John Robertson, you know."

Woodcock's 650,000 pounds transfer caused almost as much comment because of his quiet personality as the size of his fee and the fact that he left European champions Nottingham Forest.

But while Woodcock has only ever hit the headlines because of his bility, he gets annoyed at suggestions that he is too quiet and sensitive to withstand the pressures of his move from the comfortable life he led, to Cologne and the constant glare of publicity.

"I'm aware of the pressures on me," he says, "but I know that if I play well I can beat them."

Woodcock revealed that Forest have first option on buying him back if he cannot settle in Germany. But he is determined that he will prove everybody wrong.

He and his pretty wife Carole already are beginning to feel they made the right move.

Already, unlike Kevin Keegan's arrival at Hamburg, he has been given a warm welcome — from his new team mates.

He and his wife dined with skipper Bernd Cullman, goalkeeper "Toni" Schumacher and their wives at Cullman's home. They also watched a video recording of Forest's European Cup semi-final first leg tie with Cologne last season.

Woodcock said: "The players have tried hard to make me feel welcome. I was a little worried but already I feel comfortable in their company."

"I also enjoyed the practice match playing alongside Dieter Muller and managed to score in a 4-1 win. The only comment the players have made is that I don't 'defend'."

"But I have been assured by coach Hennes Weisweiler that I will be required to play exactly as I did for Forest."

(Daily Star)

While Czechoslovakia tours Australia, preparing for the defence of its European soccer nations are laying plans for the overthrow of the Czechs in the European June. "Soccer Action" looks at three of the Czechs' strongest challengers — West



Pieter Wildschut



Jan Poortvliet

Metgold, Valke the new stars

The Holland that will appear in the European championship finals in Rome may bear little resemblance to the great Holland teams of 1974 and 1978, but it promises to be just as effective.

Throughout their great triumphs over the past 10 years, the Dutch have never been content to rest on their laurels.

Stars may go, but new ones are in the wings, ready to replace them.

So it was in Argentina in 1978, they left behind goalkeeper van Beveren, Hovenkamp, van der Kuylen, Geels, Kist, Cruyff and van Hanegem. By the time the preliminary rounds were over, Rijnsbergen and Suurbier also were out, both of them injured.

But Holland coped brilliantly, despite the handicaps. Krol became the team's mainstay, Poortvliet, Brandts and Wildschut rose from obscurity to world stardom overnight, Haan beat West Germany and Italy almost single-handedly with those long-range goals of his, Rensenbrink turned on the best individual performance of the tournament in the 5-1 defeat of Austria, Nanninga, fourth-choice centre forward in the squad, was good enough to score in the World Cup final, and Neeskens, despite losing nine teeth to the Argentinians, battled on with toughness and skill.

Jongbloed, Suurbier and later Rensenbrink (unofficially), retired after the World Cup and Neeskens and Rijnsbergen left to join the New York Cosmos. Hovenkamp and Kist returned but Rene van den Kerckhof, Poortvliet and Wildschut slumped badly and things looked bleak for a while.

Yet in the match against Argentina to mark the FIFA centenary in May last year, Holland once again demonstrated its remarkable resilience.

The team that took the field contained only five players who had been in the 22-man World Cup squad, whereas Argentina fielded nine finalists. And yet, Holland held Argentina to a draw and lost only in the penalty showdown.

Holland's qualification for the European championship finals, achieved with a victory against East Germany after coming back from being two goals down, saw the bleeding of yet another batch of new stars.

Bennie Wijnstokers, the young Feyenoord right back, is likely to be a permanent fixture in the Dutch team in Rome, although he has played only three internationals.

His club mate, centre back Michel van der Korput, was brought in for his first full international in the crucial decider against East Germany in Leipzig and was a big hit.

Valke, the 19-year-old of PSV, is a great player in themaking, and wingers Simon Tahamant and Tschu La Ling (both Ajax), have the talent required to make up for the loss of Rensenbrink.

Midfielder Johnny Metgold of AZ'67 is a player of great craftsmanship. Eventually, he may succeed Ruud Krol as libero.

4-3-3 is best for England

By BRIAN GLANVILLE in 'World Soccer'

THE question is, which England? Which England will Ron Greenwood take with him to Italy for the Nations Cup finals?

Will it be an England that plays 4-2-2 (or 4-2-4, if you wish to be precise and pedantic) or an England which plays 4-3-3? Will it have true wingers or not? Will it, in other words, play on the pattern it followed when it won 5-1 in Northern Ireland, or on the very different one it pursued when it won that dull game 2-0 at home to Bulgaria?

I have scarcely hidden the fact that my own preference is vastly for 4-3-3, preferably with a half-back who can tackle, and it was 4-3-3, of a sort, which England played against Bulgaria. The important thing, though, is that Greenwood should make up his mind as soon as possible — preferably for 4-3-3 and stick to his last like a good cobber.

As things stand, the England players would have every excuse for feeling like Pavlovian dogs, perennially subjected to alternating stimuli. The team that scored five goals in Belfast had Stevie Coppell as a deep lying right winger, playing an extremely satisfactory game, in which he set up a couple of the goals. Kevin Keegan was used as an attacking midfielder, with Trevor Francis and Tony Woodcock switching, sprinting and poaching up front!

Against Bulgaria, no winners at all. We might have been back in the days of Good King All. No Coppell, no Barnes, no Cunningham. No Keegan either, of course, since Hamburg withdrew him from the game, after it had been postponed. Instead, an attack in which Woodcock and Francis figured again, a good deal less effectively than they did in Belfast, together with a Kevin Reeves who was clearly out of his depth.

Behind them again, Ray Wilkins a natural inside-forward, who had played in Belfast, and two players who might be described as wing-halves, an attacking wing-half in the shape of the highly gifted Glenn Hoddle, a traditional wing-half in the much, much slower Ray Kennedy, much hampered by his lack of speed.

Teams at all levels, not merely international teams, strive for what the Italians call automatismi, those movements, combinations, synchronisations, which simply come as the natural result of players knowing and understanding one another. This, in turn, can be achieved only by constant playing together unless of course you are lucky enough to have the kind of marvellous if polyglot team put out onto the field by FIFA against England in October 1983, which foundational almost immediately. (Kubala, Boniperti, et al.)

Greenwood himself has complained that part of the problem of choosing an England side is that clubs play so many different styles, where abroad they tend to play the same style, making it easier for players to fit in when picked. But here he is varying his own team's style from game to game!

In the background, meanwhile, there lurks the stalwart figure of Bob Latchford. Keegan, judged by his public utterances (no, not the confession that he would like, quite like, to be Prime Minister, though doubtless he'd do better than his father as a striker for Hamburg) would welcome him. Greenwood seems partial.

I myself mourned for a Tommy Lawton as cross after high cross came uselessly over in the Bulgarian game. But

Lawton was Lawton, an incomparable centre-forward, Latchford is Latchford, a very good man at club level. A modern, sweeper, defence would stifle him at international level. To outwit such defences, England must go all out for novelty and surprise, the kind which can be provided by the likes of Keegan, Francis, perhaps Woodcock . . . and Hoddle.

The 22-year-old Tottenham man, first to be capped by England for so many years, deserved all the praise he drew after the Bulgarian game. Like Kenny Sansom, a very different player, on his debut, he took to international football like a duck to water. All those wonderful skills, that slight of foot, that lively originality which has been seen in spasms at White Hart Lane, was in evidence, together with his beautifully controlled striking of the ball. Having made a goal for Watson and missed one himself, he at last obtained proper rewards, a poetic rounding off of his performance, with that magnificently struck volley.

Ball artists are rare in English football, but when they do emerge — Buchan, Matthews, Finney, Shackleton, Greaves they are particularly gifted. Hoddle's control of the ball, his caressing touch, clearly owes much to inborn ability, but judged by the tales of his boyhood, it also owes a great deal to the time he spent playing with a ball in his back garden.

Shades of the great Scottish left winger Alan Morton, the wee Blue Devil, a natural right-footer who perfected his left foot by endlessly kicking a tennis ball at a hole in his coal shed door.

I hate the ludicrous, paradoxical expression, "work at the game," as in, "our players don't work at a game." Why in all logic should one work at a game? To be enjoying playing with a ball, rather than regard it as something of a necessary evil, to be acquired by force and paraded with at speed, is the negation of good football.

Hoddle last season had a difficult time because Spurs made too foolish use of him. Having acquired two Argentine midfield players in Villa and Ardiles, they were like the old woman who lives in a shoe. Now he is being used in his true position, it's another thing entirely, and he can score so splendidly from there, as he showed against Manchester United and Norwich City, lately.

Greenwood had some untypically financial things to say about the value of "disappointment" in football as in life, implying that having confirmed his possibilities, Hoddle might still be thrown straight into limbo. That haven't so much talent as to be able to afford indulgences of that kind.

Meanwhile, England's opposition is now defined, and very strong it is. I'm glad the Dutch got through, even without Cruyff and Neeskens, they still grace any major competition, while the East Germans have still to rise above compact efficiency. Rudolph Krol is in magnificent form as an attacking sweeper, Franz Thijssen of Ipswich adds grace and skill to the midfield, the blond Kist at last seems to be adjusting to the demands of international football. Don't underestimate the Czechs; they were surely not at full throttle when they lost in Paris.



Horst-Dieter Hoettges

Hoettges honored

One of Germany's most famous footballers, Horst-Dieter Hoettges (86 caps), veteran of the World Cup final in 1966 and member of the European Championship winning team in 1972 was granted a testimonial on December 4.

Hoettges, formerly with Werder Bremen, had retired from active football but was honoured on account of his excellent service for club and country.

Another famous old timer, Sigi Held, has joined promoter Bayer Uerdingen and at 37 is the oldest player in the Bundesliga.

He gained 41 caps while with Borussia Dortmund and also played in the World Cup final and helped his country to reach the European final, which he missed.

Solomons beat Grange Thistle

International soccer took a footing in the Solomon Islands, with the visit of Grange Thistle, the Queensland State champions, from October 28 to November 4.

It was the first time a professional club had played in the Solomons, although there have been matches between Solomons and other Pacific countries and crews of foreign ships.

Grange Thistle played three games, losing twice to the Solomon Islands national team 2-1 and 3-2 and beating a Honiara Select XI 5-4. All the matches were played at

Lawson Tama (the Solomon Islands equivalent of Wembley Stadium) in Honiara, and each game was watched by an estimated crowd of about 3,500 people, including the Prime Minister Mr. Peter Kenilorea.

Solomon Islands, who won the soccer bronze medal in the Sixth South Pacific Games in Suva, in September, have very skilful ball players and it was only the better tactical awareness of the Grange Thistle team which prevented the tourists from suffering heavier defeats.



Dzajic retires

One of the best players Yugoslavia has ever had, Dragan Dzajic (pictured) retired from active football in the last game versus Argentina in Belgrade on September 16.

During his long and successful career, Dzajic played 85 matches with the national "A" team and became the player who was most capped in history. He also played 590 matches with his team, Red Star Belgrade and 84 matches with the French 1st division team, Bastia, during two seasons spent in France.

He scored over 300 goals and became one of the best European players from 1968 to 1970.

Dzajic is still active in football as technical director of Red Star Belgrade.



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Hungary and Poland look to incentives

By COLIN MCINTYRE of Reuter

VIENNA, — Several east European countries, dismayed by the low level of their domestic football, have been toying gingerly with such ideologically-sensitive issues as better payment and incentives in a big to improve results.

The Hungarian football weekly "Labdarugas" wrote in its September issue: "The standard of football in all the socialist countries has dropped back in relation to the international game."

In Romania, well-known writer Adrian Paunescu said that his country was passing through "the darkest spell in the history of its soccer."

In Bulgaria, after a succession of poor results by the national squad culminating in a 3-0 defeat by England last June, a decision was taken at the highest level of the Communist Party to disband the national football federation and replace all local soccer organisations.

A new Bulgarian federation would be formed, said a party announcement, to be composed of "a cadre able to carry out a correct and principled policy" and to "lead Bulgarian soccer to the front ranks of soccer in Europe and in the world."

In Poland, which had the third lowest goal-scoring rate in Europe last season, authorities have introduced payments for players based on individual and team performances and gate returns.

But, it is Hungary which has fallen the furthest from the glorious heights of the 1950's to a 2-0 defeat by an inexperienced United States team in September.

Some of the weaknesses in Hungarian commentators, such as poor organisation, inadequate training and poor incentives, appear to be common to other east bloc countries.

Critics of the system in Hungary say that because football clubs are financed mainly from State budgets, and only to a limited extent from gate receipts, there is little competitive pressure on teams or individuals.

Win or lose, players can collect their regular wages for a nominal job, as in other Communist countries, which enables them to play football full time.

While a large body of critical opinion in Hungary contends that these problems can be solved only by separating the clubs from the parent sports organisations and adopting full professionalism, this is considered unlikely to happen.

However, the Hungarian Football Federation has introduced dramatic innovations in an effort to improve standards.

No longer will bonuses be geared to a club's placing at the end of the season, but instead they will be paid after each match according to results and, significantly, standards.

Under the new system a club can be penalised, even though it wins, if it is thought to have shown insufficient fighting spirit.

Another major innovation has been to allow experienced players over 30 with long service in the national side to play for western European professional clubs.

The first of these, Laszlo Balint, has already signed a two-year contract with the Belgian club Bruges for an annual fee of \$38,000.

The two-fold advantage of this policy is that it will give Hungary a pool of future coaches with first-hand experience in the European professional game, while at the same time offering an extra incentive to players who have reached the top in the domestic game and might be tempted just to coast along.

Polish commentators have expanded much in trying to discover why soccer in the league is so poor, while the national side is relatively successful. One theory is that players identify with their country but not with a club.

In an effort to raise the league standard the authorities issued a series of regulations in July governing payment to First and Second Division players.

This immediately took them on to sticky ideological ground, since by legitimising regular payments, the Polish authorities were as good as admitting the players were professionals in all but name.

The regulations never have been published and the Press has treated the whole issue with kid gloves, avoiding in particular such questions as how much players are actually getting.

All that sports ministry officials will say is that players now have three sources of income — their monthly salary from a nominal job in a factory or the army, club payments, supposedly to cover special dietary needs, and appearance money.

In Bulgaria, the latest party resolution was not the first time that the game had received such high-level attention.

In 1970, following Bulgaria's poor performance in the Mexico World Cup, the party daily carried a leading article which heralded personnel changes in the football federation. The article was attributed to president Todor Zhivkov, a noted soccer fan.

Nothing much has changed since then. The latest party statement listed a whole range of shortcomings, including lack of organisation, insufficient incentives, incompetent trainers, corruption, including pressure on referees, and poor media coverage of the sport.

As part of measures to clean up and improve the game, district sports organisations and soccer managements on all levels are to be replaced and clubs purged of players who "do not correspond to the requirements of contemporary soccer."

East Germany's national side has a solid, though not dazzling record in international competition, but the unimpressive performances of its top club sides in European competitions in recent years point to basic weaknesses which are bound eventually to affect the national side as well.

Though there have been no demands as yet for radical reforms, the authorities are faced with the problem of getting fresh blood into the side. The average age of the national players is in the late 20's.

One of the long-term problems of East German soccer teams to be that it is paying for the country's successes in so many other types of sport.

EUROPE'S MANAGERS

An up-to-date check on Europe's national team managers ...

Austria, Karl Stotz — Belgium, Guy Thys — Bulgaria, Dobromir Tashkov — England, Ron Greenwood — Wales, Mike Smith — Rep. Ireland, Johnny Giles — N. Ireland, Danny Blanchflower — Scotland, Alex Muir — Cyprus, Olostat Tallanos — Czechoslovakia, Josef Venglos — Denmark, Joseph Plattek — East Germany, Georg Buschner — Finland, Esko Malm — France, Michel Hidalgo —

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PETER STOREY RAN BROTHEL, COURT TOLD

Soccer hero Peter Storey walked from a court in shame recently.

The former England and Arsenal star had just been given a suspended sentence on vice charges.

Storey, 34, who played in the famous Arsenal team that won the League and Cup double in 1971, admitted running a brothel and living off the earnings of prostitutes.

Magistrates at Waltham Forest in East London heard how Storey employed three girls offering topless "hand relief" and full sexual intercourse.

Police Sergeant Roy Lott told the court that Storey advertised the

brothel as Calypso Massage on cards in newsagents' windows.

Police who kept watch outside Storey's rented house in Leyton High Road saw fifty men arriving for sex sessions.

Sergeant Lott added that Storey, now a mini-cab operator, took the girls to work and arranged to have them picked up when their shifts ended.

Storey, of Seymour Gardens, Ilford, Essex, admitted keeping a brothel and living off immoral earnings.

He was given a six month suspended prison sentence, fined 700 pounds and ordered to pay 175 pound costs.

His counsel, John Cope, told the court: "He is a man of good character who succumbed to the temptation to make some easy money."

"He is rather relieved that it was stopped at an early stage."

John Neville, chairman of the bench, told Storey: "These are offences which the public at large deplore and treat with abhorrence." ("Daily mirror").

Top goals

Europe's top scorers (towards the Golden Boot award): Staroukhin (Shakhtar Donetsk) 26 goals (34 games) — Nielsen (Esbjerg) 20 (30) — Eriksen (Odense) 20 (30) — Skovboe (Naestved) 19 (30) — Schachner (FK Austria) 19 (15) — Thygesen (BK 1903) 30 — Blokhon (Kiev) 17 (34) — Petrakov (Lok. Moscow) 17 (34) — Andreyev (Rostov) 17 (34) — Trigger (Aalborg) 16 (30) — Kazachenok (Zenit) 16 (34) — Oganessian (Ararat) 16 (34) — Chesnokov (TSKA) 16 (34) — Ismail Atik (HJK) 15 (28) — Subonen (TPS) 15 (28) — Bjerre-gard (Ikast) 15 (30) — Yartsev (Spartak Moscow) 15 (34) — Onnis (Monaco) 15 (18)

Hedjazi tries United

Like the cinema and disco, soccer in Iran has disappeared in the wake of the revolution.

After qualifying for the 1978 World Cup finals at the expense of Australia, Iran looked set to dominate Asian football for many years to come.

But today, the game is permitted only as exercise for the individual rather than entertainment for the masses.

Stars of the World Cup side, like Eskandarian who is with the New York Cosmos, went overseas to pursue their careers.

The latest to try his luck is goalkeeper Nassar Hedjazi who is on trial with Manchester United after a brief and unsuccessful stint with Southampton.

"If I don't stay with United, I could join our national team manager, Mohejerani, in Dubai, or I could go to Holland," Hedjazi said.

5 million juniors

A look at a significant development — the growth of American soccer — by Phil Woosnam, commissioner of the North American Soccer League.

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DUNLOP SPORTS FOOTWEAR

KYLE PATTERSON interviews South Melbourne centre backs FRANK MUNRO and ARTHUR XANTHOPOULOS . . .



Frank Munro darts in front of Sydney City's Lloyd Hardes (left) to head clear. In the background are Sammy Wright and George Christopoulos (right).

Frank Munro: almost took Hellas to court

South Melbourne's Scottish international Frank Munro, who's looking and feeling as fit as he's been since coming to Australia, is not one to mince words.

The straight-talking Scot didn't throw up the usual 'the standard really surprised me' testimony when asked his opinion of the Philips League.

"The standard is not as high as I thought it would be," said Munro. "The ability of the players is lower than I expected, and it's only quality players that will improve the standard."

"I think the new rules on the importation of players are bad. The standard will not improve unless good players are brought to Australia."

"I'm not suggesting that only English or Scottish players be brought here. It doesn't matter if a player is Greek, Yugoslav or British, as long as he can play good football."

However Munro, who has 16 years of professional soccer behind him, has been impressed by several PSL players.

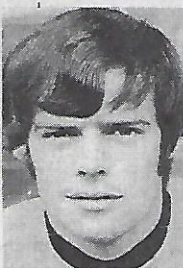
"Peter Sharpe of Marconi is a tremendous player," praised Munro. "I'd like to see him go to England and try to break into professional football, because I reckon he's got the talent."

Hellas has two youngsters — Alan Davidson and George Christopoulos — who would do well overseas. They are young enough to start a career in professional football. Even if they went only for a season or two, the experience would help them greatly.

"Of course, it's not for me to fix them up in England, is it?" asks Munro, knowing full well Souths are desperate to retain their starlets.

Munro, a veteran of 315 English and Scottish League games, is starting his third season in the PSL. He recognises South Melbourne as Australia's top club but he could so easily have left a dispute during the close season.

The problem started when Munro managed to play only eight games last season because of a knee injury. South Melbourne was believed to be



Munro: 'Hellas has too many players.'

upset over Munro's long spells on the sidelines, pointing out he had suffered the injury earlier in his career and that he would never be fully fit.

Thus, South Melbourne refused to pay out Munro's contract, on the grounds that the injury was not the club's responsibility.

Munro reacted bluntly by issuing a writ against the club.

"The case didn't get to court," said Munro not dodging the issue "which is just as well for the club. Hellas couldn't possibly win. The club saw the light, and the problem was cleared up."

And what of the controversial knee injury?

"I think my knee is fine now," said Munro. "During last season, I had trouble running flat out, turning and kicking the ball. The injury was in the back of the knee."

"During the summer I have been doing weights to build up the knee. It's much stronger now and I'm confident I will see the season out."

And was the injury an 'old' one?

"I first had trouble about five years ago when I was with Wolves," said Munro. "I had an operation but the club wanted me back in action as soon as possible."

"I was back playing within a month, which was too soon. I needed time to strengthen the knee but because I returned to playing straight away, the knee wasn't completely fixed."

Munro, 32, maintains he has another three seasons of PSL soccer in him, and would like to spend that time with South Melbourne.

If the problem with the club hadn't cleared up, Munro was all set to start a coaching career, possibly in the Victorian State League.

"I'd like to get into coaching at some stage," said Munro, "but let me tell you I'm far from impressed with coaching in Australia. It's pretty poor to say the least."

"The level of coaching is lower than the level of football played. There's little hope of the coaches improving the standard."

Munro said the only coach who had impressed him was Rale Rasic, the former Soccerroo boss now with Adelaide City.

"I've talked to coaches and players from other clubs," said Munro, "and heard a few coaches on television. There are not many good coaches around."

"Rasac impresses me and everyone associated with the Victorian team has spoken highly of Len McKendry."

Munro declined to comment on national coach Rudi Gutendorf, saying he'd never seen him work.

One aspect that bewildered Munro was the way in which coaches roamed from club to club.

"It doesn't make sense how a coach can walk out from one club into other, even if he's been unsuccessful," said Munro. "It seems the same old faces have been doing this for years."

Munro, who is likely to make Australia his home, said he was confident his 16 years as a pro would give him ample experience as a coach.



Chris Kalafatis (left) in his Soccerroo debut, against Greece at Olympic Park in 1978.

He dismissed the suggestion that qualifications were essential to be a top coach.

"I could name six top English coaches who never have been to a coaching course," said Munro assertively. "Qualifications are not important."

"Soccer is a simple game and the best way is to play it simply. But some of these so-called qualified coaches make a simple game difficult."

Munro will face still opposition this season in the South Melbourne team. He and three other players are fighting for the two vacancies in the centre of defence.

The others are Steve Blair, Arthur Xanthopoulos and Chris Kalafatis. Does Munro see this competition as being healthy?

"Having pressure on to hold your place makes you play harder," said Munro, "but I honestly think Hellas has too many players in the first team squad."

"At the moment there are 18 players going for 11 positions, and there's talk of coach John Margaritis buying more players."

"Sixteen is enough for any squad anywhere in the world. Even with 16 players, there will be some players who will be sidelined for long periods."

Munro admitted there could

be problems with such a large squad, but that he was confident of a bright season for the club.

"South Melbourne has great potential. Last season we played some terrible stuff but still drew crowds of 5,500 to 6,000," said Munro. "If we had a good run, the attendances could easily hit 12-15,000."

Munro spoke briefly of Souths' 'terrible' 1979 season.

"One thing should be made clear: it wasn't just the players at fault for the bad performances," he said. "There were a lot of other things wrong. Losing three points early in the season had a demoralising effect on the players and once down, we didn't recover."

"But I'm sure Dave MacLaren would have got Hellas out of trouble. It was very unfair how he was blamed when there were no complaints the previous season."

Munro says the key to a South Melbourne revival is whether the club learns from its mistakes.

"The running of the club must improve," said Munro frankly. "The administration has made mistakes and must not repeat them."

"I don't know if the situation is going to change this season, but if Hellas is to succeed there must be changes."

Munro went as far as suggesting that South Melbourne could perhaps find a professional administrator to help the club.

"If the club is run properly, Hellas would have bumper crowds and maybe the best team in Australia," he said.

Frank Munro was born in Arbroath, Scotland, and was spotted as a football talent in his early teens.

He left school at 15½ and was signed by English club Chelsea, then managed by the colorful and controversial Tommy Docherty (now with QPR).

Munro, then an inside forward, stayed with Chelsea for seven months before homesickness got the better of him.

He signed for Dundee Utd. on returning to Scotland, and made his first team debut not long after, scoring the winning goal in Utd's 3-2 win over rivals Dundee at Dens Park, which was only a goalkick's distance away from Munro's home.

At the age of 18 he transferred to Aberdeen for 6,000 pounds. He had played around 60 games and scored 14 goals for Dundee Utd.

Munro was with Aberdeen for 18 months, playing around 50 games for a return of eight goals. Around this time Celtic, Newcastle Utd, Everton and

Wolves showed interest in him.

Munro decided his own future by scoring a hat-trick against Wolves for Aberdeen in a close-season tournament in America.

Not long after, Wolves paid 60,000 pounds for Munro, who was still playing as a midfielder.

He switched to defence at Wolves with great success. His displays won him a Scottish international call-up in 1971.

In 1971 he played against Nth. Ireland (0-1), England (1-3), Denmark (0-1) and the USSR (0-1). Four years after, Munro was recalled to the Scotland team and in that year played against Sweden (1-1), Wales (2-2), Nth Ireland (3-0), England (1-3) and Romania (1-1).

He rated his games against England at Wembley Stadium as the highlight of his international career, even though both games ended in defeat for Scotland.

At Wolves, Munro won a Second Division championship medal and a League Cup winners' medal. He played in a UEFA Cup final against Spurs, but Wolves went down 3-2 on aggregate.

After more than 270 games with Wolves (scoring 13 goals), Munro moved to Glasgow Celtic for a season, before coming to Australia.

Pressure is on for Xanthopoulos

Arthur Xanthopoulos, who hit the comeback trail this season after two years on the sidelines with a knee injury, regards himself only a 'week to week' proposition in the South Melbourne Hellas team.

Xanthopoulos was the brilliant youngster who broke into the star-studded Hellas team when only 16, and made his Victorian debut against Yugoslav team Velez Mostar when just 20.

Now 23, this outstanding defender will try to regain the momentum he had before injury ruled him out.

However, Hellas fans need not worry about Xanthopoulos describing himself as a week to week proposition. His doubts about his permanency in the South Melbourne team don't stem from fears of a recurrence of his injury.

Xanthopoulos' only worry is that with so many top-class defenders at South Melbourne, no player can be sure of retaining a place for more than the game ahead.

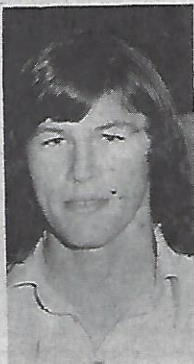
Whatever the situation presents Xanthopoulos with a tough challenge in his comeback bid.

"The pressure will be right on me," said Xanthopoulos this week, "because there always will be someone breathing down my neck and wanting my place in the team."

South Melbourne coach John Margaritis selected Xanthopoulos and Frank Munro as his centre back combination in the first Ampol Cup round.

Steve Blair, the Victorian youth representative from Albion Rovers is waiting in the wings for a chance to displace Xanthopoulos.

And soccerero Chris Kalafatis, who played left back in



Steve Blair — breathing down Xanthopoulos' neck.

South's first game of the season against Croydon City, is anxious to return to his favorite centre back position.

"We have many fine players in the running for a place," said Xanthopoulos, "and this may cause problems. Players obviously don't like sitting on the bench and it's up to coach John Margaritis to handle the situation correctly."

"John has a fair idea of the individual make-up of the

players some players are patient and will wait and try to fight their way back into the team.

"Others are impatient and will object to being out of action. It's up to John to deal with all the different individuals and find a good balance. I think he can do it."

Xanthopoulos said the main requirement for harmony was an assurance that the player has a future in the squad.

"If any player gets the feeling he's being ignored, trouble starts," warned Xanthopoulos. "It's alright for a player to wait for his chance, but if he knows he won't be in the team, regardless of the form of other players, he knows it's time to get out."

South Melbourne inevitably will have problems. The best defence is a settled one, and the back four will not be settled if the combination is changed every second week.

That's one problem facing Xanthopoulos but he has others. He's striving at present to get back into the swing of full-time soccer.

"I've found it takes time to regain sharpness and alertness," he said.

"When I get a few games under my belt, my reactions to certain situations will be automatic."

And what of the injury that kept Xanthopoulos out?

"The original problem came at the beginning of the 1978 season," said Xanthopoulos. "I started pre-season training, but my knee blew up with fluid."



Arthur Xanthopoulos with the Jimmy Mackay Golden Boot award for being Victoria's Best Under 21 Player of 1976. At left is Jimmy Mackay himself.

"In 1973 I had the cartilage taken out of my left knee, and missed that season. It was the same knee that bothered me in 1978."

At the same time, Xanthopoulos was starting to study for a Local Government diploma, which tied in with his employment with the Kew Council.

"Because of the study involved and the injury, I decided to step out of soccer for a season," he said.

The problem stemmed from the long periods of night classes.

"I was all set to make a comeback in 1979," said Xanthopoulos. "I had another operation early in 1979 and thought I would be fit for most of the season."

"But my doctor said there were further complications, mainly arthritis in the knee joint. He advised me it would need another 12 months' rest before it was completely fixed."

Xanthopoulos' hectic schedule of work and study became

even more frantic with the birth of a son, Robert, during 1979.

"Life is still pretty hectic but my wife Rhonda is understanding," said Xanthopoulos. "I've got everything worked out in such a way that I can fit in training and playing."

What changes has Xanthopoulos detected at Hellas since 1977?

"The club seems far more professional," said Xanthopoulos. "South Melbourne looks after its players much better now, and provides them with the right environment."

"But Hellas always has had excellent support, a top stadium and excellent facilities. Considering everything the club has, the last season was very disappointing."

The problem at Hellas has never been money. Coaches have come and spent money to build teams over the past three seasons, but it hasn't worked.

"I think the club needs someone with the ability to organise the people within the

club. There are many complicated people there and John Margaritis must get their support and get everyone working in the same direction."

"John comes across very well to the players, and he could be the man to bring success to the club."

Xanthopoulos admitted Margaritis had a difficult task in pinpointing and solving the problems holding Hellas back.

"However, I've a feeling we will have a successful season," said Xanthopoulos.

Xanthopoulos was impressed by Hellas' showing in its first official game of 1980 against Croydon City.

"We played simple, straight forward soccer and combined very well," said Xanthopoulos.

"When we had the ball, we pushed it around in an uncomplicated fashion."

"When we were defending, we applied pressure to our opponents. Croydon isn't a bad team but we were able to break down its game."

Xanthopoulos added Hellas was undoubtedly good enough to qualify for the top four.

Xanthopoulos is one player presently at Hellas who has experienced success with the Greek club. During his career he has won State League championship medals, a Dockerty Cup winners' medal and an Ampol Cup winners' medal.

Even his debut with the club ended in success.

"Manny Poulakakis gave me my big chance in 1972," remembered Xanthopoulos. "We played Melbourne and won 2-1. My current clubmate Duncan Cummings played for Melbourne that day."

Xanthopoulos has played against some top international opposition during his career with Victoria.

The list includes Spurs (England), Bologna (Italy) and Velez Mostar (Yugoslavia). In all he played six times for Victoria.

If Arthur Xanthopoulos continues to show the talent and polish he displayed in 'part one' of his career, 'part two' could coincide with a new era of success for South Melbourne.

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SEKULSKI QUILTS POLONIA, IRVINE TO JUVENTUS?

Polonia Marlborough of the First Division has lost the services of outstanding forward Richard Sekulski.

Sekulski, who scored 18 goals last season, has returned to Poland after only one season in Australia.

He will be dearly missed by Polonia, which has a good defence and midfield, but will lack punch up front without Sekulski.

Had Sekulski stayed, Polonia would have been fancied to win promotion, as two teams will be promoted this season from the First Division.

Sekulski played for many years with Polish club Stal Mielec, the team of international star Gregorz Lato.

Felix Sweda, another of Polonia's imports, has also returned to Poland. Sweda is a full back.

Polonia celebrates its 30th birthday in 1980, and special events are being arranged by the club to mark the occasion.

The club administration for 1980 includes Michael Zurek (president), Dr. A. Chojnowski (vice-president), Czes. Kozicki (secretary), George Pater (treasurer) and Ted Lezon (team manager).

After four years service, George Kerry jnr. has stepped down from his administrative position due to personal commitments.

George Syska has been retained as coach of Polonia.

PSL club at Springvale?

Springvale City will attempt to lure a top State League or Philips League team to Ross Reserve late next month for the opening of the club's new floodlighting system.

Springvale's new secretary Ralph Settle said the floodlights would be operational by late February, and that a night game between Springvale and a top opposition would mark the opening.

"If we could lure a Philips League club to Ross Reserve, it would be a great boost for soccer in the south-east suburbs," said Settle.

The opening of the floodlights will put the finishing touches on Springvale's new complex, which includes and fully-enclosed arena with embankments, modern changing rooms and a spacious social club.

Tommy Robertson is Springvale's new coach, and the club hopes he will be able to develop the many talented youngsters coming into the senior ranks.

Robertson played for Rangers, Queen of the South, Cowdenbeath and Dundee in Scotland, and for Hakoah, George Cross and Essendon in Melbourne.

Springvale's under 16 team was its strongest-ever last season, and several of these players show great promise. The club will have a youth team (under 19) this season.

On the playing side, Springvale has transferred midfielder David Luca to Frankston City. Arthur Cherry is likely to join Dandenong City. Arthur Cherry is likely to join and Hugh Campbell is training with Doveton.

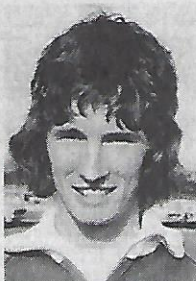
Dandenong loses five players

Dandenong City is likely to lose five players from last season's team.



Altona Gate's Cle Presiliski (left) marks Sandringham's Gerry

Victorian round-up with KYLE PATTERSON



Jimmy McMinimie



Archie Campbell in action for George Cross. He will again coach Knox City this season.

Murray Coach of Box Hill

Bill Murray, who was assistant coach to Freddy Buncie at Frankston City last season, is the new coach of First Division club Box Hill.

The Box Hill position is Murray's first senior appointment. The former Essendon Lions, Box Hill, Sunshine City and Frankston City defender said Box Hill had enormous potential.

"I took on the job because Box Hill has a stable committee with a commonsense approach, and a relatively young group of players with great potential," said Murray.

"I have a lot of development work to do, but I'm confident the players will meet the challenge and have a successful season."

Murray is heavily involved in the Australian coaching scheme, and had done senior badge courses with Victorian State coach Len McKendry and former national coach Jimmy Shouler.

McMinimie retires

Juventus has made a strong bid for First Division club Doveton's highly-rated striker Steve Irvine.

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The old ground, on the north boundary, is in a poor state, and drew widespread criticism from other First Division clubs last season.

Northcote City, formerly Collingwood City, has appointed former Alexander and Clifton Hill coach Chris Georgiou to lead its team.

Already Northcote has had to fight off strong bids for star players John Nicolaides and George Bozakis. Both have been retained, and now Northcote aims to bolster its team for a promotion bid.

Lynn at Fawkner

Mike Lynn is the new coach of Third Division club Fawkner.

Lynn is a former player with Ringwood City, Croydon City and Dandenong City, and coached Albion Rovers for a brief while last season.

At present he is overseas, so former Frankston City and Ringwood City coach Freddy Buncie is helping out and starting Fawkner's pre-season training.

Lynn will be back in Australia on February 3.

Fawkner looks likely to lose three players from last season's squad. Ageless striker Dino Di Marchi has moved on to coach South Yarra.

Di Marchi played for Juventus for more than a decade, and had a two-year stint at Fawkner.

Another veteran, Dario Epifano, looks set to retire after a distinguished spell with Fawkner. Epifano played in the State League for many years with George Cross.

Fawkner, however, will try and convince Epifano to play for one more season.

Defender Carlo Baravelli wants to join Juventus, the club he left to join Fawkner. Negotiations will start soon, and Baravelli will join the State League outfit.

Fawkner is on the lookout for two experienced State League players to boost its squad.

Milios to bring luck?

Port Melbourne is hoping new coach Manos Milios will bring the club some luck.

The past two seasons has seen Port Melbourne miss out on promotion from the Second Division by one point on successive occasions.

Milios is a former player and coach of South Oakleigh and Hawthorn.

At this stage, Port Melbourne has signed only one new player. He's George Vasiliak, who used to play in the Industrial League and has showed promise.

New name, new home

First Division club Altona Gate have a new ground to go along with its new name.

Altona Gate, formerly known as Kellor City, will play its home games this season at Paisley Reserve, Altona.

Paisley Reserve has been developed by the Altona council over the past two years, and is a boost for soccer in the area.



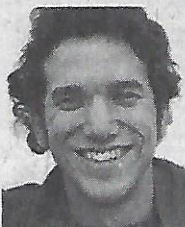
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Former Juventus great Dino Di Marchi, now coach of South Yarra



Mike Lynn

The new reserve has three pitches — two senior sized grounds and one for juniors. The complex is not yet completed, so Altona Gate will build temporary dressing rooms for the 1980 season.

"We are extremely happy with our new ground," said club spokesman Leon Bozinski this week.

However, Altona Gate may have another home ground in 1981. The Altona council has stipulated that State League club Altona City has the option of moving to Paisley Reserve in 1981 or staying at its present headquarters at Kim Reserve.

If Altona City decides to move to Paisley, Altona Gate will move to Kim Reserve.

Altona Gate is currently negotiating a lucrative sponsorship deal with the Altona Gate Shopping Centre. The club expects something positive to come of the negotiations.

On the playing side, Altona Gate will have a new coach, but the identity of the man in question is a secret. Mr. Boxinovski would only say a former Preston Makedonia coach is in the running.

Cele Presiliski, who was player coach of Kellor City for several seasons, will remain as a player.

Altona Gate will retain all Kellor City players of 1979, and hope to add five or six new faces.

Two State League players have been mentioned, and Altona Gate has allocated \$10,000 for team building to push towards promotion to the State League.

Bob Gelevski, who joined Kellor City last season from Makedonia, but was sidelined with a serious knee injury, has recovered from an operation and will be fit for the 1980 season.

Altona Gate is looking for juniors between the ages of 10 and 16. All enquiries phone 391 1761.

Youth policy at Knox

Second Division club Knox City will adopt a youth policy for the 1980 season after unearthing a goldmine of junior talent last season.

Knox City's under 14 team produced five Victorian representatives, including Tony Owen, who was captain of the Victoria under 14 team and named player of the tournament in the national championships.

The club also had a successful under 18 team last season, and it is hoped several youngsters will make their way into

Archie Campbell has been re-appointed coach of Knox City. Campbell, who is currently holidaying in Scotland, is a former coach of Mooroolbark and Box Hill, and was a star player with George Cross in the 1960s.

His assistant this season will be Colin Teeuw, who is a former player and coach of Ferntree Gully.

Alex (Robby) Robertson is Knox's president, and has three vice-presidents in his administration with separate areas of responsibility.

They are Dick Gerrish (senior committee), Dave Andrews (social committee) and Graham Roddis (junior committee).

Fred Fairburn has been appointed publicity officer.

Knox starts its first full season at its new ground at R.D. Egan-Lee Reserve. The soccer complex is unique, for the ground is not shared with any other sporting code.

Knox moved to its new headquarters on April 1 last year.

Craig quits Doncaster

Peter Craig, the former Box Hill and Waverley City coach, has left Second Division club Doncaster Rovers.

Craig, who almost took the Rovers into the First Division last season, is believed to be having an extended holiday during this year and unable to devote any time to coaching.

He will be succeeded by his 1979 assistant Alan Alexander.

Doncaster transferred young forward Robert Forsyth to Croydon City, but hopes to retain all other players.



Carlo Baravelli

Malcolm was the leading marksman in the Metropolitan League in 1979 with 23 goals, and was voted Fourth Division player of the year.

Tommy Randles has been retained as coach of Frankston Pines, which won promotion from the Fourth Division at the first attempt.

Frankston Pines must surely be the fastest growing club in the Metropolitan League. Late last year a grandstand with under cover seating for 2000 was opened at the club's home ground. The cost: \$15,000.

Now the club has \$114,000 worth of extensions being constructed onto existing rooms. When completed the social club will accommodate up to 400 people with comfort.



John Nicolaides (right, in JUST colors) will be with Northcote

CANBERRA CITY'S 'CANTERBURY CAT' IN

By PAUL MOON

ENEMY TERRITORY

Canberra City's signing of Richard Wilson has given Australian soccer supporters a opportunity to gain an early view of the man who may form the first substantial barrier to the Socceroos' World Cup hopes.

Over the past six months, Wilson has established himself as New Zealand's top goalkeeper and must be considered a certainty for the Kiwi's World Cup line-up.

Although only 23 years of age, Wilson, nicknamed to 'Canterbury Cat' has experienced more ups and downs in his career than most veterans.

A South Islands schoolboys' representative at soccer and a New Zealand Secondary Schools cricket representative, Wilson decided to concentrate on the former sport when he left school.

Despite being hailed as one of the best goalkeeping prospects ever produced by Christchurch, the City's Rothmans' National League clubs showed no interest in him and he had to be content with Southern Regional League club Western.

Though playing in the comparative obscurity of the regional league Wilson soon gained the attention of national selectors and made his first appearance for the New Zealand under 21 combination shortly after his eighteenth birthday.

Rothmans' League clubs remained disinterested however and it wasn't until Christchurch United's Phil Dando dislocated his elbow playing against English tourists Middlesbrough that Wilson was recruited midway through the 1975 campaign.

He played extremely well in his five appearances behind the United defence and was justifiably chagrined when Dando walked straight back into the team upon recovery.

Further frustrations followed as United captured both national league and cup with Wilson only spectating from the substitutes' bench.

Disenchanted with United, Wilson moved to arch local rivals New Brighton for the 1976 season and soon became a firm favourite with the Brighton fans, producing a string of brilliant displays.

New Brighton finished fourth in the Rothmans' League — their second best performance, super-

ceded only by the third placing of the Alan Vest coached team of two years earlier.

"The Seaside" also reached the semi final of the Chatham Cup (New Zealand's equivalent of the Philips' Cup), Wilson appearing despite having worn a neck brace during the preceding week. Unfortunately Brighton lost 1-0 to Eastern Suburbs.

Now rated amongst the top three goalkeepers in the country the future seemed bright, however 1977 proved to be a disaster.

Unable to maintain any consistency, finding difficulty in retaining concentration and consequently having had his confidence totally drained, Wilson conceded a string of silly goals that eventually proved vital as New Brighton was relegated from the Rothmans' League.

Realising that he was at the crossroads of his career, the young 'keeper made a momentous decision and decided to spend a year in Holland in an endeavour to gain knowledge of his craft.

Twelve months on the ground staff of Rotterdam's illustrious Feyenoord club proved invaluable and he returned to New Zealand for the 1979 season, his technique refined and temperament improved.

A succession of superlative performances for

Nelson United, his new Rothmans' League club, earned Wilson his first international appearance — against Australia.

The young goalkeeper played no small part in New Zealand's 1-0 success, their first over their trans Tasman rivals for 25 years.

Further appearances against Fiji and New Caledonia followed and he was an obvious choice for the tour to the Middle East and Britain.

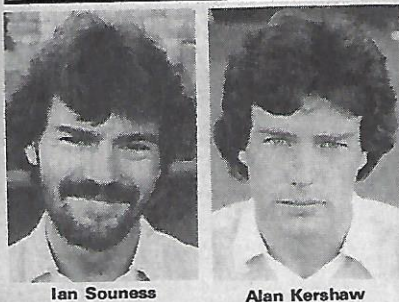
Highlight of the tour was undoubtedly the respectable 4-1 defeat by England "B", during which Wilson made numerous superb saves, including one breathtaking effort to thwart a Mike Flanagan penalty kick.

Whilst in England, second division club Orient offered the Nelson goalkeeper a lucrative contract, he was still considering this when Canberra made their move.

Realising that City's proposition gave him a unique opportunity to further his career without jeopardising his chances of appearing for New Zealand in the World Cup, Wilson did not hesitate long before putting pen to paper.

Combining height and strength with superb reflexes and agility that have earned him the nickname 'The Canterbury Cat,' Wilson is, arguably the best goalkeeper New Zealand has ever produced.

With a steadfast goalkeeper of Wilson's ability 1980 may see Canberra at last realise the unfilled promise of previous season.



Ian Souness

Alan Kershaw

Kershaw, Souness quit City



Sydney City's new player/coach Eddie Thomson is in a jubilant mood. The picture was taken after City had won the 1977 PSL championship.



Sydney City expects continued improvement from youngster Gerard Gomez (left), pictured with Footscray's Jim O'Reilly.

Sydney City has signed promising youth players John and Chris Spanos from Perth and Graham Fletcher from Illawarra.

John Spanos, a member of the Rudi Gutendorf's Australian youth team last year, is a defender. He played for Morley Windmills.

His brother Chris, who competed in the Lion City Cup in Singapore with the Australian under 16 team in December, is a midfielder from Athena.

Fletcher, from Unaderra Hearts, was in the Australian under 15 team that beat Malaysia 5-0 in Perth last year. He scored two of the goals.

Sydney City was finalising negotiations with yet another leading youth player late last week.

New secretary Peter Russell who replaces Harry Lakmaker (retired), said player-coach Eddie Thomson expected continued improvement from under 16 representative Jim Patikas and 19-year-old Gerard Gomez, the Costa Rican who played a few PSL games as centre back last year.

Thomson replaces former coach Gerry Chaldi who has moved to West Adelaide.

Sydney City's top recruit is Socceroo Ken Boden, the 1978 Australian Player of the Year from Newcastle KB United. The deal that saw Boden joining Sydney City and Mark Trenter moving from City to Newcastle was worth about \$30,000.



Sydney City's star signing Ken Boden (right) awaits instructions at an Australian team training session. From right are Tony Henderson, Jimmy Rooney and Tommy Cumming.

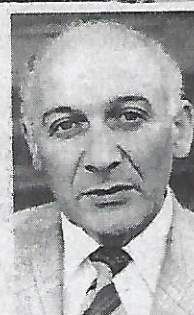
City has retained all 1979 players except Ian Souness and Alan Kershaw. Souness, 1978 Best under 21 player, is back in London where he will soon be married. Kershaw is likely to play in Sweden.

City is expected to sign one or two leading players within the next two weeks to replace Souness and Kershaw.

The revamped Marks Field will be City's home ground this year, while development work takes place at Wentworth Park.

Marks Field has a new playing surface and cover for 3000 people.

Frank Lowy remains president of Sydney City, and Andrew Lederer soccer director.



Harry Lakmaker

● Red Star Belgrade coach Branko Stankovic was quizzed by local Greek journalists about his eight years in Greece during dinner at the Greek Tavern in Toorak last week. Stankovic is a former coach of AEK, Aris and PAOK. Pictured above, from left Elias Donaudis (Nees Kosmos and Soccer Action), Jim Bakas (Athletic Echo), Peter Georgiou (Hellenic Herald and Soccer Action), Branko Stankovic, George Pappas (Nees Kosmos), Alex Papazoglou, proprietor of Goldair Travel and Steve Linkos, owner of the Greek Tavern.



\$7670 profit at gate

Newcastle KB United Soccer Club has turned a big trading loss in 1978 to a welcome profit in 1979.

The club's directors have announced an operating profit of \$7,670 for 1979. This is a remarkable turn-around to the loss of \$35,144 in 1978.

Reasons given for the greatly improved position is said by the directors to be increased crowd attendance at the clubs Philips League and Philips Cup fixtures.

It is believed that Newcastle KB United is the only club in Australian Soccer, at senior level, to make a profit solely from football operations in 1979.

Mr. Paul Trisley, the club's highly capable and live-wire secretary, said that the crowds increased by 24.1 per cent on the club's first season in the Philips League in 1978.

He said the position was "highly pleasing" for a club which had been in the league for only two years.

"Another factor which influenced the satisfactory position is that expenditure on promotions, while still remaining at a high level, was not as great as in 1978," said Mr. Trisley.

"In our first year in the Philips League we spent a considerable sum on promotions and on establishing the club."

He said that the club had a turnover of \$334,832 in 1979 — an increase of 30.12 per cent on the first year's operations.

It was announced that the club would increase admission charges for the 1980 season.

The directors made this decision with some reluctance but it had been forced on the club by the increasing cost of taking part in an Australia-wide football competition," said Mr. Trisley.

Admission to matches will be \$3 for adults, \$1 for pensioners and children between 10 and 16, 50 cents for children between six and 10. Last season, adults were admitted to Philips League and Cup matches at the International Sports Centre for \$2.50 for a grandstand seat and \$2 for admission to the outer ground.

Mr. Trisley said that the new price for admission would bring Newcastle KB United into line with most other Philips League clubs which had been charging such admission fees for the past two years. — JACK MATTHEWS

Dumping of Mayfield, West Lakes criticised

By JACK MATTHEWS

Stefan Kamaz, the recently elected president of the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation was not long in the No 1 executive position before trenchant criticism has been heaped on federation decisions.

That causing most heart-burning is the omission of the long established Mayfield United Club and the West Lakes United club from the federation's first division competition and the elevation of Red Star, Kurri Kurri and Maitland to the grade.

It was necessary to promote three teams to the first division because some of the clubs which would have been included will join the State League competition the Northern Federation will start next season.

The 1980 season will be one of considerable importance to the Northern Federation. Not only will it have to contend with the opposition of the Philips League matches but also its own State League in which teams from the new-castle area and from Coff's Harbour, Grafton, Tamworth and Armidale will play.

The Federation's rules state that one team from the first division was to be relegated and one from the second division promoted. That has not been done.

Mr. Kamaz said he considered that the position had changed so that the issue was a matter of reconstruction rather than one of promotion or relegation.

Hamilton Red Star, which finished first in the second division premiership, earned its promotion and according to rules there could be no dispute regarding its elevation.

Officials of both Mayfield United and West Lakes United claim that they had been given assurances by federation officials about the promotion of their clubs to the restructured competition although the promises had not been confirmed in writing.

Both had started preparing for an entry into the first division and had signed players while Mayfield United Club is now likely to lose sponsorship it had been promised when it was assured it would be back in the first division next season.

Mayfield United was formed, under the name of Ly-saght's Orb, in 1930 and has been the director's decision that both clubs, at one time being prominent in the N.S.W. State League intercity competition.

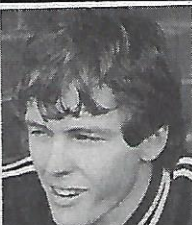
The dissatisfaction is not confined to the Federation's first division. Kotara South, which finished second in the third division competition last season, has been denied promotion to the second division in 1980. The third division competition was won by the Stewarts and Lloyds team.

That team would, in the normal course of events, have been promoted to the second division but it was the surprise inclusion in the Federation's State League competition so the way seemed open to Kotara South to be promoted.

But the directors decided that Beresfield, another co-fields club, as Kurri Kurri and Maitland — has been given the place.



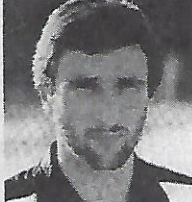
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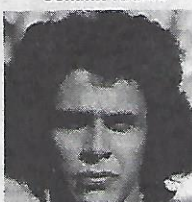
Duncan Cummings



Mendo Ristovski



Johann Krankl



Roberto

li) voted for the removal of the decision, while the rest of the teams did not participate in the balloting.

According to some reports from the Spanish newspapers, Madrid's famous team, REAL has undertaken an obligation to give each player a special gift of \$12,500 if they win this year's title.

There you are The Spaniards are receiving the same gifts as our players....

Did you know that?....

AROUND THE WORLD

According to some rumours, Adelaide City is interested in signing up Mendo Ristovski, and Canberra Duncan Cummings.

What does South Melbourne Hellas have to say about that?

*** The president of Nottingham Forest, Mr. Stewart Drayton, 53, was sentenced to six months imprisonment for fraud which he committed when he was assistant post master at a village post office in Roudingdon.

Mr. Drayton could not avoid his conviction, in spite of the good deposition that the assistant coach of the team, Peter Taylor gave him.

Mr. Drayton left the court, together with the manager of the team Brian Clough. The latter was upset and refused comment something which is very unusual for Brian the great talker.

*** Clive Toye, one of the committeemen of New York Cosmos suggested.

"Why don't we enlarge the goal posts so that we can see more goals!!!!!!"

Why are you laughing?....

*** Barcelona's centre forward, Austrian ace Johann Krankl, could not get along with his coach. As a result the Spanish Club terminated his contract, 18 months before it expired and replaced him with Brazil's centre forward, Roberto.

If you are interested in signing up the Austrian ace, why don't you get in touch with him? He is still available and his fee is approximately 1 million dollars.

His telephone number?.... Unfortunately I don't know it!

*** Coach Branko Stankovic said after Red Star's 8-2 win over a Yugoslav selection at Olympic Park: "If we played today against Victoria, we would have won 4 or 5-0." Any comments?....

*** Italy will continue to have its doors closed to foreign players.

This was decided recently at a meeting held by 36 presidents of 1st and 2nd division clubs.

The result of this meeting was that 24 voted for prohibiting the importation of players, a rule which was first determined in 1965.

Four teams (Juventus, Milan, Udinese and Napo-

Port kicks off

Port Melbourne Juniors will start training on Sunday morning (February 3) at J.L. Murphy Reserve, Williamstown Rd., Port Melbourne.

The session, which begins at 10 am sharp, is open to any new players in the U/13, 14 or 15 age groups.

For details ring 777 7441 or 718 7477

ZIKA NIKOLIC



PLODAN POCETAK JUBILARNE GODINE

Danas se nogomet u Australiji bori greovito za primat, ali i goli opstanak. Medjutim, malo ko od nas zna da je prva nogometna utakmica u Australiji odigrane 1880. godine izmedju kluba Wanderers i Sydney King School (gimnazije), dvadesetak godina ranije od vecine evropskih zemalja, racunajuci i Jugoslaviju. Po svim pravilima, posto je Australija bila najmljvija britanska kolonija, kasnije dominirao, nogomet je trebao ovde da buja i raste kao pecurice posle kise. Nasuprot, umesto nogometa drugi sportovi, grublji i manje savrseni, uzeli su maha, tako da je nasa omoljena igra bacena u zapecak.

Vec dvadesetak godina cine se veliki napori da se popularnost nogometa ozivi. Rezultati nisu zadovoljavajuci, jer ni konkurencija ne spave, cak je budnjia i nepovjerljivost vise nego ikad do sada.

Ova godina, navodno, treba da nas pokrene za mrtve tacke, da povrti izgubljene godine. Prema pocetku, izgleda da je nogomet preuzeo inicijativu. Turneja Crvene Zvezde je pobudila veliki interes, iako je dnevna stampa u nekim gradovima pokusala da ignoriše gostovanje ove velike ekipe, koja uziva donekle vodstvo puta Zvezde krivi za srednju posetu, jer us potencijal fizicke i atmosfereke ugled. Zbog njih je Zvezda izgubila prvu utakmicu, a to je definitivno uticalo na dalju posetu (bez obzira sto je dnevna stampa uticala), iako je Zvezda kasnije postigla nepamecne rezultate i pobede nad lokalnim reprezentacijama. Ali dnevna stampa ne ignoriše same strane timove, vec i naci Ampol Kup, revlju domacat nogometa. Zbog toga ljubitelji nogometa moraju da podrzavaju i kupuju stampe, koja popularise ovu igru svezim ovenjestenima i struncim objasnjenjima preteklih događaja i utakmica. U tome prednjaci "Soccer Action".

ZVEZDA ODLAZI — CEHOSLOVACKA DOLAZI
Dok Zvezda igrala poslednju utakmicu u Pertu, reprezentacija Cehoslovačke je otvorila svoju turneju u Kanberi, gde je pred 15.500 gledalaca odzvala nogometnu lekciju reprezentacije Australije, koju je ubedljivo pobedila sa 4:0. Nije sramota izgubiti sa tolikim rezultatom od reprezentacije Cehoslovačke, višestrukog samplona i vice-samplona Evrope i sveta. Vise nego rezultat, obraduje poseta u Kanberi, sto pokazuje da ovaj grad z ajedno sa Newcastlom ima izvanredne uslove da postane nogometna tvrđjava, bez kojih nema trajnog napretka.

Zvezda se je leto tako oprela od Australije ubedljivom pobedom nad Zapadnom Australijom sa 5:0 (2:0) pred 6.000 gledalaca, sto je kapacitet Velodroma u Pertu.

JUGOSLAVIJA IDUĆI GOST
Na pravi proslavi stogodisnjeg jubileja nogometa u Australiji gostovace pored svih reprezentacija i sa Britanskim ostrva reprezentacija Jugoslavije, koja je prole godine bila nenasuspenja u Evropi i koja doživljava preporod pod strucnim nadzorom Milijana Miljanica i Drazena Jerkovic. Prvi u ulozu selektora i tehnickog direktora, a drugi u ulozu prvog trenera. Obojica su imali hrabrosti da vrelagradne zamene sa pravim talentima iz provincije, sto je vrtoglavo brzom vratilo Jugoslaviju u vrh svetske i evropskog nogometa.

POZNATI POLUFINALISTI U MELBURNU?
Gotovo je polufinalista ce se u polufinalu Ampol Kupa u Melbourn sastati Alexander — J.U.S.T. i Hellas — Croatia. Medjutim, u nogometu nista nije nemoguće, a posto postoji tosjaka sponzora da se u polufinalu nadju i drugi klubovi, treba cekati do kraja. Iduci petak ce pokazati ko su prvi polufinalisti. JUST mora da pobedi Slaviju, a Aleksandar Aljaska. Ako "plavi" izgube od Slavije, onda kandidat postaje Makedonija pod uslovom da pobedi George Cross-a, koji je, vrd orah, Aleksandar i Ajax, proslogodisnji pobednik Ampol Kupa, imaju po cetiri boda. Prema tome, pobednik ovog susreta postaje polufinalista. Aleksandar ce ponovo nastupiti bez cetiri reprezentativna igraca, a JUST bez Josipa Picloana. Zbog toga neće imati lak posao, iako imaju nekolicinu protivnike, cij je borbenost vazan faktor. Hellas i Croatia imaju manje brige, jer su suvise odmakli svojim protivnicima.

U trećoj igri ne uliva veliki poverenje. Prvo sretna pobeda nad Makedonijom, a onda losa igra protiv George Cross-a i pored ubedjive pobede, pokazuju da "plavi" imaju slabiji tim nego prole godine. A prosla godina nije bila tako slajbna. Ipak, obraduje povratnik pojedina u formu. Dragan Vasic je bio izgubljen slučaj u prole godine. Medjutim, ako protiv Makedonije iz jedanaesterca u odlucnom trenutku. Prole srede JUST je pobedio u prijateljskom susretu Port Melburn sa 2:0. Dragan Vasic je dao oba gola. Protiv George Crossa opet dva gola. Isti slučaj je sa Zoranom Iloskom, koje Zdravica sponzore u sebi, koje su tu drugi ubili. Zajedno sa Bolandom deli zaslugu za visoku pobedu nad George Crossom, koji je imao vise od igre. Sposobnosti i mogucnosti Zdravica Lujica, Slobodana Jovanovica, Petera Ollertona i Jima Kondariosa su svima poznate. Kada i oni dodju u puni formu, JUST ce biti bolji i jac. Medjutim, da bi izbegao život na "belom belu" u trećoj igri.

TURNIR MALOG NOGOMETA
Na Monash Univeristetu se odvija zanimljiv turnir malog nogometa. Ucestvuju 40 timova, medju njima Tarax i Carlton/Srbija, koja se nadavno vratila sa peharom iz Sidneja, gde je pobedila "White Eagles" sa 2:0. Strelici: Ljuba Stojanovic i Zoran Krajcar.

Na turniru malog nogometa Tarax je prvog dana odigras pet utakmica. Pobediti je Springvale sa 3:0 (Hadziabdic 2, Velickovic 1), South Dandenong sa 2:0 (Hadziabdic i Kosovac), ANZ Bank sa 3:0 (Kosovac2, Hadziabdic), izgubio je od Wilhelmine sa 0:1, dok je sa Hawksburnom igrao neresheno 0:0. Sledeci igrači su nastupili za Tarax: braca Kazi, braca Kresinger, Milinov, Hadziabdic, Velickovic i Kosovac.

Carlton/Srbija je postigla 4 pobede, sa Splitom je igrala neresheno 1:1 i jednu utakmicu izgubila sa 0:1.

Turnir se nastavlja u ponedeljak (Australia Day), ali o tome vice vice reci u iducem broju "Soccer Action".

Webster not finished yet

Contrary to a report in "Soccer Action" last week, Frankston City (Vic) midfielder Keith Webster hasn't retired.

Webster, the former Juventus and Heidelberg star, allegedly was sacked by Frankston, but he is still interested in playing.

There seems to be some confusion at Frankston as to the situation with Webster but Del Lines, chairman of the

Frankston playing committee, says the situation is perfectly clear.

"There is no way Webster was sacked and as far as I'm concerned, he's still a Frankston player," Lines said this week.

Webster himself said he does not know which club he'll be with this year but that he's definitely not finished yet.



Keith Webster (centre), with opposing defender Peter Lewis, who has been given the place.



Colin McAusland of Melita Eagles - expected to play for APIA.



Transfer-listed, from left: Warren Turnbull (\$10,000), Mark Samuels (\$6000) and Eric Carruthers (\$5000).



Mainstays of the APIA team, centre backs Peter Wilson (left) and Jim Dempsey.

Wallace sees bright season for APIA

APIA-Leichhardt's new coach, Willie Wallace, has signed John Bradley, 20, a midfielder from Dundee who previously played for Northampton.

Wallace knows Bradley well, for Wallace was Dundee's coach for two and a half years before accepting APIA's offer.

Colin McAusland, the Melita Eagles midfielder, is expected also to play with APIA this year.

Although the acquisition of Phil O'Connor from St. George will help solve APIA's problems in attack, Wallace believes he still needs at least one more striker.

He will sign either a local player or one from overseas, as there is room for one more on a temporary visa.

APIA has retained most of its top players, including Peter Wilson, Jim Dempsey, Peter

Stone, Greg Woodhouse and Ken Reed, but has placed four men on the transfer list.

Warren Turnbull is the most expensive, at \$10,000. Eric Carruthers is quoted at \$5000 and Mark Samuels at \$6000. John Vernon's transfer fee is negotiable.

Ken Reed and Brian O'Donnell are in Britain on holidays but both have signed for the 1980 season.

"I'm looking forward to the season starting," Wallace said. "We're not too far away from having a good side. With a bit of luck we'll be in the top four."

Wallace had a brilliant career as a player before becoming a coach.



Phil O'Connor - \$9000 recruit from St. George.



New APIA manager Willie Wallace.

AUSTRALIA IS ARROGANT, SAYS THE KIWIS' COACH

Australia is arrogant in its attitude to New Zealand, according to the Kiwis' national coach, John Adshead.

"They have some super players but their arrogance lets them down," Adshead said.

"To Australia, we are the small fry at the bottom.

"However, they have a lot of doubts about us now, after we beat them 1-0 in Auckland, because we took them apart and it could easily have been 4-0."

Adshead, former director of coaching for Western Australia, believes New Zealand has a good chance of winning its World Cup qualifying group against Australia, Fiji, Indonesia and Taiwan.

But he concedes that Australia will be the biggest hurdle, due to the Soccer's preparation.

"We rarely get a chance to bring the national side together," he lamented. "We do not have the money. Australia, however, gives its national coach \$500,000 to prepare his team."

And yet New Zealand managed to undertake a tour of the Middle East and Great Britain last October, providing the players with valuable experience.

The Kiwis beat Bahrain twice. The losses included 0-8 v Dundee, 1-4 v England B and 0-5 v Norwich City.

"Our players lack skill and pace because they are part-timers but they are tremendous workers and we have learned such a lot about defensive football on this tour that we can now stop good sides playing against us," Adshead said.

New Zealand finished on top of our "Asia Watch" standings for the period from November 1978 to November 1979. The table appears on this page, along with all international results of Asian and Oceania teams for this period.

New Zealand achieved a perfect success rate, but it had only three international matches - one against Australia and two

NEW ZEALAND'S TOUR RECORD

October 2 v Kardialia (Kuwait) Lost 1-3
October 3 v Bahrain..... Won 2-0
October 5 v Al Ahli..... Drawn 1-1
October 8 v Bahrain..... Won 2-1
October 10 v League of Northern Ireland..... Lost 0-2
Oct 12 v League of the Republic of Ireland..... Lost 1-2
October 15 v England B..... Lost 1-4
October 17 v Ipswich Town..... Lost 0-1
October 22 v Norwich City..... Lost 0-5
October 29 v Dundee..... Lost 0-8

against Bahrain, so the standing at the top of the ladder is misleading.

North Korea, Iraq and South Korea remain the king-pins of Asian football. Iraq scored 41 goals to 7 in completing 18 matches for only two defeats, North Korea scored 21 to 5 and was unbeaten in 12 games, and South Korea scored 27 to 9 in losing only two of 13 matches.

Australia played only two internationals - losing 0-1 to New Zealand and beating Taiwan 2-0.

The biggest improver of 1979 was Malaysia. Israel remains powerful. Its record on the table may not look exceptional, but it had extremely strong opponents, including Belgium and Spain.

ASIA WATCH 1978-79 final table

In brackets - previous placing		success									
		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	rate		
1	(1) New Zealand	3	3	0	0	5	1	6	100.0		
2	(2) North Korea	12	9	3	0	21	5	21	86.2		
3	(3) Iraq	18	14	2	2	41	7	30	83.4		
4	(4) South Korea	13	10	1	2	27	9	21	80.7		
5	(-) Syria	3	1	2	0	2	1	4	66.6		
6	(7) Malaysia	12	7	1	4	15	14	15	62.4		
7	(6) Kuwait	13	7	2	4	28	14	16	61.5		
8	(5) China	13	8	0	5	24	11	16	61.5		
9	(8) Saudi Arabia	9	3	4	2	17	8	10	55.5		
10	(13) Thailand	16	8	1	7	26	23	17	53.1		
11	(9) Israel	6	2	2	2	7	7	6	50.0		
12	(10) Hong Kong	6	3	0	3	10	6	6	50.0		
13	(27) Australia	2	1	0	1	2	1	2	50.0		
14	(11) Fiji	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	50.0		
15	(12) Papua N. Guinea	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	50.0		
16	(14) Japan	9	3	0	6	14	21	6	33.3		
17	(15) Macao	3	1	0	2	4	7	2	33.3		
18	(21) U.A.E.	7	1	2	4	5	15	4	28.5		
19	(20) India	6	1	1	4	5	13	3	25.0		
20	(16) Burma	4	1	0	3	2	6	2	25.0		
21	(17) Sri Lanka	4	1	0	3	5	12	2	25.0		
22	(19) Qatar	11	3	2	6	11	26	8	22.4		
23	(18) Bahrain	12	1	3	8	8	27	5	20.8		
24	(23) Indonesia	6	1	0	5	7	17	2	16.6		
25	(24) Singapore	8	0	1	7	4	27	1	6.2		
26	(25) Philippines	3	0	0	3	1	10	0	00.0		
27	(26) Bangladesh	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	00.0		
28	(-) Taiwan	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	00.0		

All results: NOVEMBER 1978: Surinam v China 1-3, Israel v Belgium 1-0, Japan v USSR 1-4, Japan v USSR 1-4, Japan v USSR 0-3.

DECEMBER 1978: China v Saudi Arabia 1-0, India v Malaysia 0-1, Iraq v Qatar 2-1, Japan v Kuwait 0-2, Bahrain v South Korea 1-5, Burma v Thailand 1-2, Bangladesh v Malaysia 0-1, China v Iraq 0-2, Qatar v Saudi Arabia 2-2, Burma v North Korea 0-3, Bahrain v Japan 0-2, South Korea v Kuwait 1-3, North Korea v Thailand 3-0, Iraq v Saudi Arabia 1-1, Bahrain v Kuwait 0-3, Japan v South Korea 1-3, North Korea v Thailand 3-0, Malaysia v Thailand 1-2, China v South Korea 0-1, Iraq v North Korea 0-1, India v Kuwait 1-6, India v North Korea 1-3, Iraq v Kuwait 3-1, China v Thailand 4-1, Malaysia v South Korea 0-1, South Korea v Thailand 3-1, China v Malaysia 7-1, North Korea v Kuwait 2-2, India v Iraq 0-3, South Korea v North Korea 0-0, China v Iraq 1-0, Israel v Rumania 1-1, Philippines v South Korea 0-0, China v Iraq 0-0, China v Iraq 1-0, Israel v Rumania 1-1, Philippines v South Korea 0-5, South Korea v China 1-0, Philippines v Macao 1-2, South Korea v Macao 4-1, China v Philippines 3-0, Macao v China 1-2.

JANUARY 1979: Israel v Austria 0-1.

FEBRUARY 1979: Iraq v Finland 1-0, Iraq v Finland 2-0, Iraq v East Germany 1-1, Iraq v East Germany 2-1, Israel v Greece 4-1, Iraq v Sweden 1-0, Bahrain v Finland 0-1, Kuwait v Sweden 0-2, Japan v South Korea 2-1, Afghanistan v Qatar 0-3, Qatar v Brazil 1-6.

MARCH: Iraq v Bahrain 4-1, Kuwait v Qatar 3-1, Saudi Arabia v United Arab Emirates 2-1, Iraq v

Qatar 2-0, Saudi Arabia v Oman 4-1, U.A.E. v Qatar 0-1, Bahrain v Oman 3-1, Iraq v Kuwait 3-1, Qatar v Oman 1-0, Kuwait v U.A.E. 7-0, Bahrain v Saudi Arabia 1-1, Kuwait v Oman 2-1, Saudi Arabia v Qatar 7-1, Iraq v U.A.E. 5-0, Kuwait v Saudi Arabia 0-0, Iraq v Oman 7-0, Qatar v Bahrain 1-1, Iraq v Saudi Arabia 2-0, Kuwait v Bahrain 2-1, U.A.E. v Oman 4-0.

APRIL: Burma v South Korea 1-0. MAY: Spain v Israel 1-1 (Olympic), Thailand v Indonesia 3-1, Malaysia v Sri Lanka 3-1, North Korea v Hong Kong 3-1, Hong Kong v Singapore 3-1, Sri Lanka v Thailand 0-4, Indonesia v Malaysia 1-4, Hong Kong v Sri Lanka 5-0, Thailand v Singapore 4-0, North Korea v Indonesia 3-1, Sri Lanka v Singapore 4-1, Thailand v Hong Kong 1-0, North Korea v Malaysia 1-1, Malaysia v Hong Kong 0-0 (Malaysia won on penalties), North Korea v Thailand 1-0, Hong Kong v Thailand 2-1, North Korea v Malaysia 1-0, Thailand v South Korea 1-2, Japan v Indonesia 4-0.

JUNE: New Zealand v Australia 1-0, South Korea v Japan 4-1, Malaysia v Ireland Rep. 1-0, Singapore v Ireland Rep. 1-4.

AUGUST: Fiji v Papua-New Guinea 0-0.

SEPTEMBER: Burma v Thailand 0-1, Indonesia v Singapore 3-0, Singapore v Malaysia 0-1, Thailand v Indonesia 3-1, Singapore v Thailand 2-2, Indonesia v Malaysia 0-1.

OCTOBER: Bahrain v New Zealand 0-2, Bahrain v New Zealand 0-2, Bahrain v Syria 1-4, United Arab Emirates v Syria 0-0, Syria v Lebanon 1-0, Madagascar v China 1-0, Ghana v China 2-0, Taiwan v Australia 0-2.

NOVEMBER: Bahrain v Brazil 0-2, Singapore v Sweden 0-5, Bahrain v Syria 1-4, United Arab Emirates v Syria 0-0, Syria v Lebanon 1-0, Madagascar v China 1-0, Ghana v China 2-0, Taiwan v Australia 0-2.

Mt Wellington weaker

Mt. Wellington, whose impressive squad includes 11 internationals, won the 1979 New Zealand national league championship when it beat Manawatu 4-0 with four founds to play.

But Mt Wellington will be weaker this year, as it has lost Richard Wilson and Duncan Cole to Canberra City and may also lose Johan Verweij to Brisbane Lions.

The squad last year was: Goalkeepers: Sandy Davie, aged 34, Richard Wilson, 23.

Defenders: Tony Sibley (Capt), 28, Glen Adams, 20, Adrian Elrick, 28, Sam Malcolmson, 31, Bobby Almond, 27, Dave Bright, 29.

Midfield: Brian Turner, 29, Steve Summer, 24, Chris Turner, 20, Duncan Cole, 21, John McDermid, 27, Gary Jenkins, 25.

Strikers: Keith Nelson, 32, Johann Verweij, 23, Clive Campbell, 27, Shane Rufer, 19.

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